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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Supporting Caesar

THE annual report of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals refers to a question which has been the subject of several letters to the press recently; this is the reported sale of cats and dogs as food. The HKSPCA states that "the matter has already had the serious attention of the committee and further representations are being made to Government so that a fruitful solution will be found."

The report goes on to point out that not all markets in the New Territories are controlled by Government. The law nevertheless states that no person shall slaughter any dog or cat for use as food whether for mankind or otherwise; no person shall sell, use or permit the sale or use of dog or cat flesh for food.

This is straightforward and unequivocal. Local customs and traditions are one thing but the laws of this Colony are totally opposed to this practice. This is not a question of taking sides on a controversial issue so much as supporting the obvious principle that if a law is worth keeping on the statute books it must be upheld and offenders punished.

HAVING said this it is also necessary to point out that the law cannot stifle the very real controversy that exists, if not on this specific question of killing dogs and cats, then on the more general question of killing animals humanely. Inevitably exceptions are made, generally to appease individual consciences. The West, after all, is not without its offenders and the connoisseurs of dog and cat meat might justifiably deplore the brutality which surrounds the hunting and killing of stags in England. Oddly this same country has also given the world a band of men and women who demonstrate in a most practical way the love of the famous St. Francis for the "people of the animal world". And they are not all sentimentalists who respond to the plight of dumb animals and their defencelessness in the face of human machinations. This is not a question, either, that can be settled by turning to some higher authority. For while the Saint would bid us follow his example the book of Genesis is clear on the point that man was to have dominion over fish, fowl, cattle and creeping things. There is in this case, therefore, no choice but to render unto Caesar. And Caesar's contemporary equivalent in this Colony ordains no killing of dogs and cats for food. For this reason the representations being made by the SPCA deserve full support.

NEW DEVELOPMENT IN JORDAN CRISIS

KING HUSSEIN FLIES TO SAUDI ARABIA

Penney For H-Bomb Tests After All

From CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, Apr. 29. Sir William Penney, the atom weapons chief, has set the world wondering about Britain's H-bomb tests in the Pacific by deciding to fly to the testing ground early in June.

This surprise move about which the security authorities refused to comment last night, raises two internationally important questions.

1. Have the tests been delayed for a further six weeks because the scientists have run into technical trouble in preparing the bombs?
2. Is the people who are trying to get the tests banned on political, moral and medical grounds, will have further time to organise opposition.

DANGEROUS DELAY

Last week the Atomic Energy Authority stated that Mr William J. Cook would supervise the tests while Sir William Penney would stay at home to press ahead with research. Now Cook's departure has also been postponed. The explosions have already been delayed by technical difficulties for a dangerously long time in view of the mounting international opposition to them.

The 750,000 square mile danger area round Christmas Island has now been closed to shipping for two months and the RAF Valiant jet-bomber crews who will drop the weapons over the sea have been ready for at least a fortnight.

Sir William Penney warned the government months ago that he might not be able to supply the weapons in working order in time for an early Spring test. He was given a near-impossible task to produce five H-bombs of different types in a hurry.

His team needed at least eight months, but the government date not delay the tests for political reasons.—London Express Service.

Premier Suffers Heart Attack

Beirut, Apr. 28. Lebanese Premier, Sami Solh, suffered a heart attack today at his home in Mansourieh. Doctors, who were called in, said the Premier had pneumonia, following overwork during the past months, and ordered him to remain in bed until further notice.—France-Press.

Bandits Behead 22

Bogota, Colombia, Apr. 28. The Colombian Government announced today that 50 bandits in police and army uniforms beheaded 22 men in a raid on the village of Veraguas, near Vamadilla, 30 miles northeast of Ibagu.

The report said the bandits made their raid in the early hours of April 17. They looted men, women and children in three different houses, and when they realised that two had escaped and possibly reported to the army, they beheaded 22 men.—China Mail Special.

Street Attacks

Paris, Apr. 28. Three North Africans were admitted to a Paris hospital last night after having been wounded in sub-machine gun attacks in the streets of northern Paris.—Reuter.

Reported To Be Seeking Aid

Amman, Apr. 28. King Hussein of Jordan flew to Riyadh, capital of Saudi Arabia, today and held immediate talks with King Saud.

The king, who was accompanied by his Foreign Minister, Mr Samir Rifai, and the chief of the Royal Cabinet, Mr Bahjat Talhouni, held talks with King Saud in an attempt to strengthen the ties between the two countries.

They also discussed the present situation in the Arab world.

King Hussein's visit follows talks in Mecca yesterday between King Saud and President Shukri el Khatib of Syria and President Nasser's personal envoy, and chief political adviser, Wing Commander Ali Sabry.

The Egyptian, Syrian and Saudi Arabian heads of state—the "Arab Big Three"—were reported to have been planning to send a three-power delegation to Amman to see King Hussein. (It was understood in Cairo today that this plan had been shelved and that a joint message would be sent to the 21-year-old monarch soon).

King's Decision

The abrupt departure of Jordan's King Hussein for Saudi Arabia today indicates the 21-year-old monarch has decided to place the fate of his nation and dynasty in the hands of King Saud, informed observers said.

The sudden departure came after reports reached Amman last night that Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia were nearing agreement on a plan to evacuate Syrian and Saudi troops from Jordan and let Hussein "shift for himself."

This meant that King Hussein would be left with 5,000 loyal Bedouin troops and a few hundred Palace Guards against some 600,000 enraged Palestine refugees, some of whom accuse him of dictatorship and others of treason.

King Hussein evidently won a precarious victory in the first round of the Jordan crisis. Loyal Bedouin troops insured order in Amman and four other chief cities, and martial law and curfew kept potential trouble-makers inside.

The arrest of alleged Communists and the threat of speedy court martial sent the nationalist movement temporarily underground.

Needs Troops

But this tense situation could not last long if King Hussein is left to his own means. A revolt in Palestine refugee camps could reverse the situation against him.

Jordan troops would waver and even possibly join the revolt. Thus the British-educated king will ask Saud to maintain his troops in Jordan and seek the withdrawal of Syrian units.

Some Saudi units are stationed near Akaba, ready to march on Amman if need be, and others are at a strategic Jordan river crossing near Jericho.

This group controls the key Cis-Transjordan highway and is in a position to watch over some 80,000 Arab refugees at camp Karame, one of the most dangerous hotbeds of Jordan nationalism.

King Hussein is expected to attempt to counter the proposals made to Saudi Arabia by Syria and Egypt in a round of talks in the past few days. King Hussein will demand more effective aid from Saudi Arabia, despite serious implications which this may have on Jordan's future, observers said.

Leaves Son On Dockside

Taipei, Apr. 29. Chinese plant guard Huang Pe-sung mistakenly left his 11-year-old son on the dock when he sailed for Hongkong to meet his wife who has just come out of Red China.

Police found the boy, Huang Yuan-su, crying at dockside shortly after his father sailed from Keelung.

The boy said his mother had recently escaped to Hongkong from Red China and his father was going there to meet her.

Police said the boy and his father apparently became separated shortly before sailing time and the father thought his son was aboard the ship.—United Press.

LABOUR MINISTER'S "SAFER JOBS" PLAN

London, Apr. 28. Mr Iain Macleod, Minister of Labour, has sent a plan for "safer" jobs to leaders of the British Employers Confederation and the Trades Union Congress it was disclosed tonight.

A letter from the minister outlines his ideas for a contract of service for all workers, industrial quarters said.

This will form the basis of a series of informal discussions between Mr Macleod, and representatives of both sides of industry.

PROTECTION AND COMPENSATION

The minister aims at protecting workers from the hardships of dismissal without notice, and hopes to incorporate the idea of compensation for the loss of a job.

The amount of such compensation, for which unions in many industries are already pressing vigorously, would vary according to length of service.

Industrial quarters said the scheme may eventually be discussed at a meeting between the minister, and the joint National Advisory Council for Industry, which represents the employers, nationalised industries and the TUC.—Reuter.

THE ROLE OF THE 6TH FLEET

New York, Apr. 28. Vice-Admiral Charles Brown, commander of the United States Navy's Sixth Fleet, said today the fleet's present mission in the Eastern Mediterranean was "to be prepared for war—any kind of war."

"But the primary mission is to preserve peace," he stated. "The admiral made the statement in a telegram answering a series of questions put to him by the National Broadcasting Company news staff. The telegram was read over an NBC radio programme."

Admiral Brown said the Sixth Fleet, which was ordered to the Eastern Mediterranean during the Jordanian crisis, was the "visible symbol of power, reassuring friends, dissuading enemies."

FLEET'S STRENGTH

He said the fleet might stop at Eastern Mediterranean ports, "depending on how long here. At this point I cannot say which ports or when."

The fleet consists of 50 to 60 ships and about 25,000 men, he said, and was divided into three parts: an attack-carrier force, an amphibious force and a service force.

He said two aircraft carriers, a battleship and two cruisers are part of the attack group, and a combat-ready reinforced battalion of Marines of the amphibious force. He called the Marines a "fire brigade."

Reports reaching here tonight said French troops killed 25 insurgents in a battle in Eastern Algeria, near Clairfontaine. Another 21 insurgents died in fighting in the Grand Kabylie yesterday.—Reuter.

Britain's "Grand Design" To Go Before Council Of Europe Today

Strasbourg, Apr. 29. A British "grand design" for a parliamentary assembly embracing Western Europe and the United States and Canada is expected to come before the Council of Europe here today.

The plan, which is understood to have aroused opposition in other European countries, has already been circulated to the Council's 15 member countries.

According to informed observers, Mr David Ormsby-Gore, British Minister of State, Foreign Office, will develop the theme first put forward by Mr Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary, at a Nato Council meeting last December.

GRAND ASSEMBLY

The British plan is understood to call for a Grand Assembly to supersede existing European assemblies—the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe, the seven-nation Western European Union, and the six-nation

Common Assembly of the European Coal and Steel Pool. It would eventually become an "Atlantic Assembly" including the United States and Canada.

Under the British plan, committees and commissions would deal with the various aspects of the work at present handled by existing European assemblies.

Some diplomatic circles here feel that the Grand Assembly proposed by Britain would be only a "talking shop in the void". It could send circulars to all governments but no one would be obliged to take any action on its recommendations.

The West Germans are believed to be hostile to the plan because it would not be supra-national. Yet it would replace the European Coal and Steel Pool Assembly which does have supra-national powers.

Some delegates also feared that making the Grand Assembly a parliament of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation would be unacceptable to the neutral countries of Austria and Sweden. It might also exclude links between Western Europe and Eastern European countries if changing conditions made this possible, these sources said. It is generally expected here that the grand design will be opposed in the Committee of Ministers as being "sterile".

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AGENDA SUBJECTS

Foreign ministers from 11 European countries are expected to attend the ministerial meeting. Only Britain, France, Germany and Austria will not be represented by their foreign ministers.

The Assembly debates will include discussions of the general policy of the Council of Europe and European integration, including the proposed six-nation European common market and Euratom, the European atomic energy pool, as well as the proposed free-trade area, which would link the common market to Britain and other countries in the organisation for European economic co-operation.—Reuter.

Anglo-French Inland Spas Become Twins

Aix-Les-Bains, Apr. 28. Two famous spa cities—Aix-Les-Bains in France and Buxton in England—today celebrated their "twinship" in the Hall of Weddings in the Aix-Les-Bains City Hall.

The head of the Buxton delegation, Mr James, said that though it might have been a marriage of convenience, the enthusiasm and friendship of the people of Aix-Les-Bains made it a love match instead.

The two watering-places were "twinned" today during the Bilingual World and "Twin City Movement" conference now being held at Aix-Les-Bains.

A telegram announcing their twinning was sent to Queen Elizabeth by the Mayor of Aix-Les-Bains, M. Spueher, and Mr James, Buxton's Municipal Councillor, representing the Mayor of the English watering spa.

The inhabitants of the twin cities then spoke to one another by radio telephone.—France-Press.

NEW CLOUDBURSTS HIT TEXAS

Dallas, Texas, Apr. 28. New cloudbursts struck Texas again today, driving more families from their homes and isolating two communities of 1,000 families on a flooded tributary of the roaring Brazos River.

The isolated families were in the communities of Ellaville and South Bend, 25 miles southwest of Graham, about 100 miles west of Dallas.

A nine-inch deluge sent the Brazos on such a rise that engineers planned to open floodgates on Possum Kingdom Lake, into which the Brazos empties.

New rains hit the Texas Panhandle, having its wettest Spring in 24 years, washing out a new 400-foot concrete bridge between Memphis and Clarendon and putting US 287 under seven feet of water 10 miles east of Clarendon.

CITY FLOODED

The city of Graham was flooded and 40 families were evacuated.

Helicopters were pressed into service in the new flooding, used to search for stranded families.

New severe weather forecasts were issued today for the extreme southern portion of north central Texas and the northern half of south central Texas.

And another squall line moved toward the Fort Worth and Dallas area, hard hit by the flooding Trinity River that has left six and a half million

IKE PROTESTS

Augusta, Apr. 28. President Eisenhower today condemned a \$1-million dollar cut voted by the House of Representatives in the State Department's budget as "harmful to the United States and the conduct of foreign affairs."

His statement, issued at his holiday headquarters here, also announced that the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, would appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday to ask for restoration of "the great majority" of the reduction.—Reuter.

Attempt To Crucify Woman

Moscow, Apr. 28. Two members of a Kazakhstan religious sect, "The Children of God," have received ten and seven year prison sentences for attempted crucifixion of a young woman, the Soviet Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper reported today.

The sect, founded in a village near Semipalatinsk by Jacob Stadel and Andre Dering, believed to be of German origin, considered they had received an order from God to share their wives.

The victim of the crucifixion attempt was the wife of Stadel. The Komsomolskaya Pravda said that local Communist youth organisation had turned a blind eye on the sect's attempts to convert "the credulous population" to its practices and beliefs.

Those included: refusing to work, preventing their children from going to school, falling into trances, refusing to talk to the "Impure" and conversing regularly with the Almighty.—France-Press.

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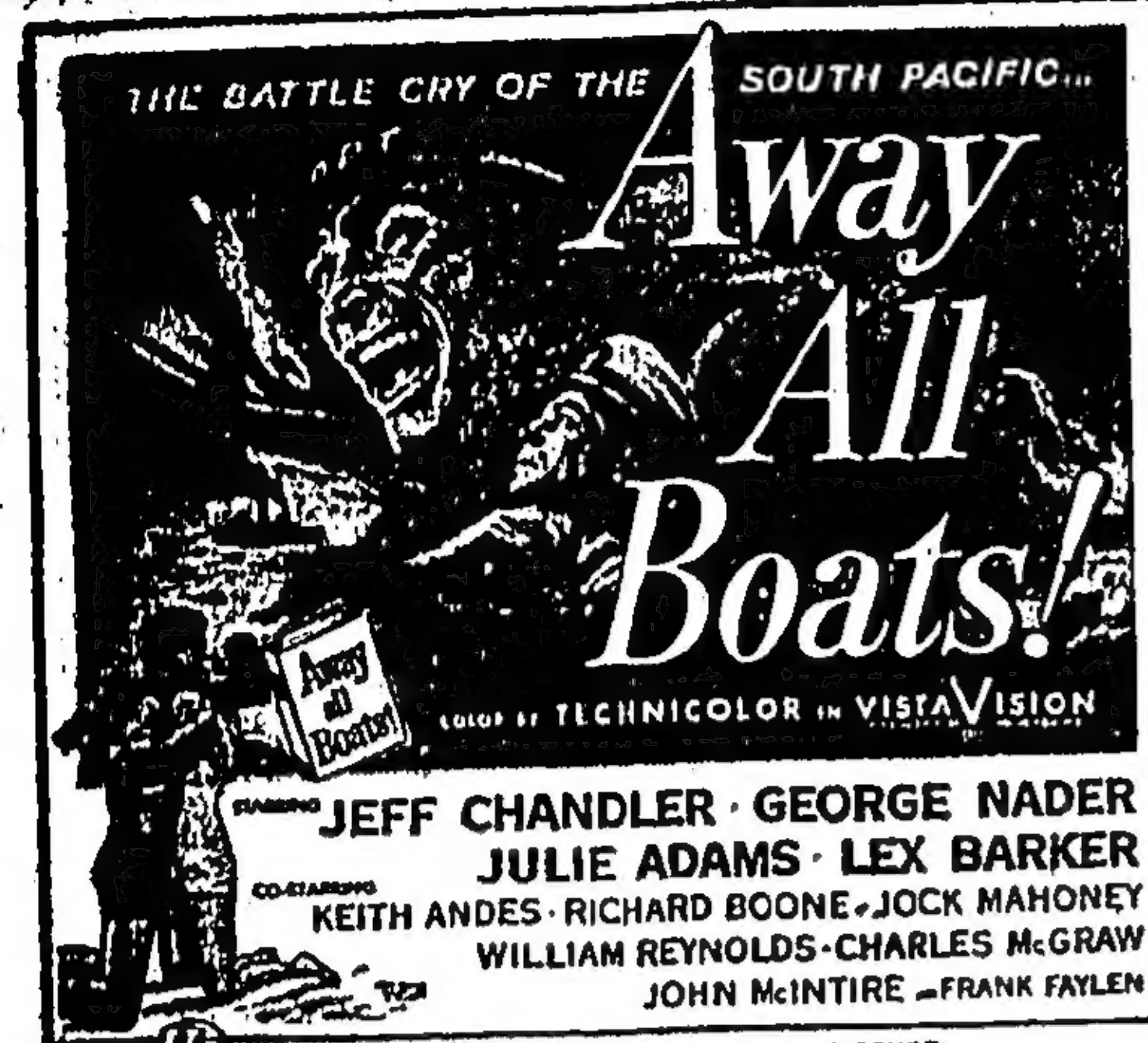
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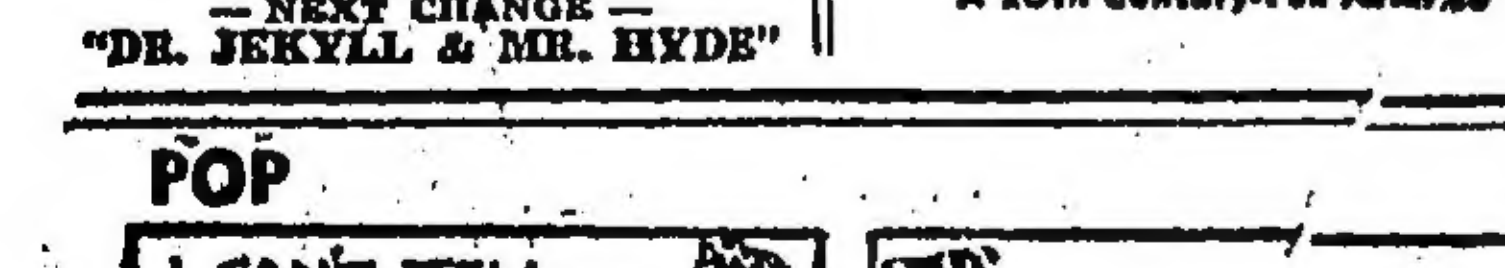
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Macmillan Rebuilding Tory Party

LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF VISIT TO SOVIET UNION

By FRASER WIGHTON

London, Apr. 29.

Parliament reopens tomorrow (Tuesday) after the Easter holiday with Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, due to answer early questions on his reply to Marshal Bulganin's 8,000-word letter on Anglo-Soviet relations.

But reports that an early meeting is likely between the British and Soviet leaders and little support in authoritative quarters here.

DEEP DIVISIONS

The Government party thinks the Labour opposition—not long ago sure of the Government's early downfall—has made a poor showing on such crucial issues as hydrogen bomb tests.

IN FOREFRONT

He declared that success would remove the hideous dilemma in which a government might have to choose between yielding to a limited aggression or unleashing mass destruction.

Atomic Weapons

It was revealed in Washington yesterday that US forces stationed in Europe, including troops in Italy, were equipped with tactical atomic weapons and nuclear warheads.

How Nationalist Currency Was Wrecked

Washington, Apr. 28.

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee today published testimony charging that two men, now high officials in Communist-controlled countries, helped wreck the economy of Nationalist China.

The Subcommittee published testimony by Dr Arthur N. Young, one-time adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Children's Emergency Fund; and Dr Chao Ting Chi, now second-ranking official of the Communist Bank of China.

He said Soong and other Chinese officials were seeking an economic stabilization plan to prevent the economic collapse of China.

US Won Out

The Subcommittee said the Chinese Government favoured a stabilization plan based on an open market and monetary support of the rate of exchange.

REDS BEHIND JORDAN CRISIS

Athens, Apr. 28.
Mr James P. Richards, personal representative of President Eisenhower, who arrived here tonight, said of Jordan's crisis: "There is no doubt that international Communism has its finger in it."

He said the existing problems of the Middle East were "aggravated by international Communism."

Asked if Greece was included in the Middle East he said she belongs to "the general area" of the Middle East.

Mr Richards will be received by King Paul and the Prime Minister, Mr Constantinos Karamanlis during his three-day stay. He came here from Amman and will go on to Bonn to meet Mr John Foster Dulles, who is going there for this week's Nato Council meeting.

Mr Richards said: "I am here to explain the spirit and purpose of President Eisenhower's programme of security and well-being for the Middle East area. Greece herself experienced only a few years ago the dangers against which this programme is designed to strengthen her neighbours to the east and south."

"Greece stands at the portals of the Middle East linked to it by geography and history and has had to wrestle with and master some of the same problems."—Reuter.

French Navy Replacing Foreign Equipment

Paris, Apr. 28.
The French Navy will soon have no further need for foreign equipment in its fleet air arm, Rear-Admiral Ruysen, head of the central service of naval aviation, indicated in the French Navy magazine Cols Bleus, published today.

The Rear-Admiral said that French aircraft for submarine chasing would soon replace American planes, as a result of French electronic sub-tracking equipments, and that the French Navy would soon have a French heavy helicopter.

The French S.M.3.200 helicopter would soon take the place of the Sikorski 58 and the Vertol M21, said Admiral Ruysen.

Similarly in the field of transport, training and rescue planes, the French naval air service would soon be equipped with all French equipment, said the Rear-Admiral.

France-Press.

'MISS ARGENTINE 1957'



Monica Lamas, 21, is pictured centre after she had won the title of "Miss Argentina 1957" in Buenos Aires. With her are runners-up Olga Madero of Cordoba, left, who came second, and Ethel Mary Christi of Buenos Aires, on right, who came third. Miss Lamas will compete for the "Miss Universe" title.—Express Photo.

RUSSIAN THREAT AIMED AT BONN ELECTIONS

Washington, Apr. 28.

The latest Soviet threat to turn West Germany into an atomic cemetery in case of war was viewed here today as the first massive Russian attempt to barge onto the German election scene.

The threat, as contained in a Soviet note handed Germany yesterday, appeared on a first reading to follow other threats made recently by the Russians against Nato members, including West Germany.

But observers here were struck by the sharp language used in the note, with its stark picture of atomic doom if West Germany permitted its forces to be equipped with nuclear weapons.

The language used seemed aimed at stampeding German voters away from Chancellor Adenauer's government. In this connection it was recalled here that German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano told Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other US officials during his visit here last month that he expected some "dramatic" Soviet move in the German election campaign.

Bolster Scientists

The note also appeared designed to bolster a movement among German scientists opposed to the manufacture of atomic weapons in the Federal Republic.

A group of 18 top German nuclear scientists, including four Nobel prize winners, recently protested against any production or use of atomic weapons in Germany, contending that even tactical nuclear weapons could cause the same destruction as the Hiroshima bomb of World War II.

It was observed here that the Soviet note made a special point of reminding West Germans just how much destruction tactical atomic weapons could wreck on the highly concentrated German industrial installations.

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DEAD LETTER

Macon, Apr. 28.
A letter posted over 30 years ago was delivered today—to the sender, since the person to whom it was addressed, died in 1928.

US Blamed For Mideast Crisis

New York, Apr. 28.

Democrat Senator George Smathers, from Florida, said today the present Middle East crisis stemmed from the United States "unilateral withdrawal of its offer to help finance Egypt's Aswan Dam."

Smathers, in a telecast interview, said the United States failed to consult either Britain or France before withdrawing the offer.

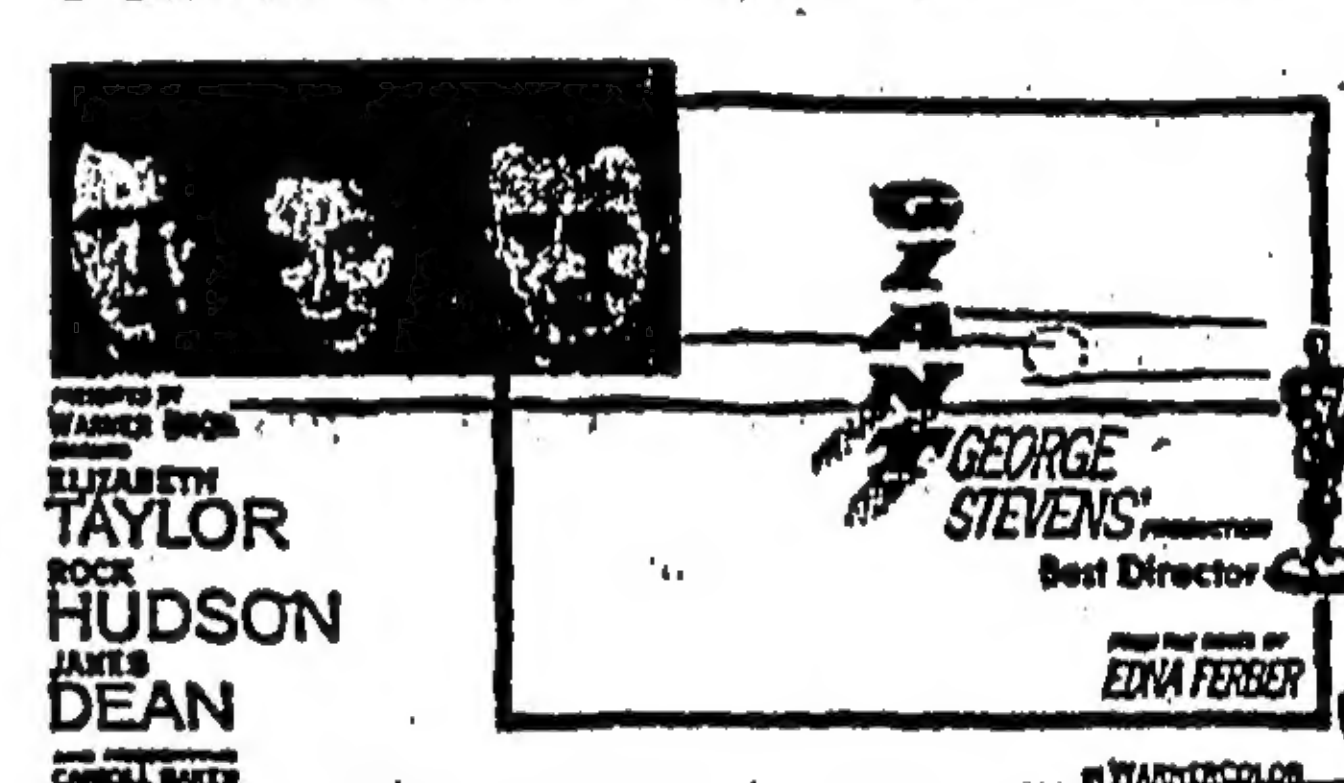
The Senator said Egypt's President, Gamal Abdel Nasser, then "did the only thing he could do and that was to seize the Canal."

Smathers attacked the Republican Administration for allegedly "forcing" Britain and France to evacuate Egypt. He added: "Developments are now catching up with us."

Smathers said the United States should force Egypt to allow Israel vessels in the Suez Canal by using American "prestige, world leadership, economic measures and economic sanctions if necessary."—France-Press.

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ATOMIC ENERGY EXHIBITION AT HANOVER

Hanover, Apr. 28. Crowds flocked to the British atomic energy exhibit at today's opening day of the Hanover Trade Fair.

Officials on the British stand, which gives a detailed picture of the claim that "Britain leads the atomic age," said Britain had high hopes of being the first country in the world to sell atomic power stations abroad.

They said Italy and Japan were the most interested countries and that negotiations were also going on with Holland. The Japanese were sending a second delegation to Britain in the next few weeks for further discussions.

Dr Henry Seligman, head of the Isotope Division at Harwell, said that within a few hours there had been a number of serious enquiries at the British Isotope stand — which carries the sign "Britain is the largest exporter of radio isotopes: deliveries made to 59 countries."

Dr Seligman said one reason for Britain's world lead in export of radioactive isotopes was because she could make deliveries far quicker than America or Canada. Britain had already captured the Japanese market, for example.

ISOTOPE STAND

The British atomic exhibit, in two sections, was arranged jointly by the Board of Trade and the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

The Isotope Stand is in two main parts, one side showing established techniques in industrial use, the other future possible use of radioactive isotopes.

Dr Seligman said experiments were being carried out in Britain to see if radiation could kill off or pasteurise — worms and other pests which destroyed about one quarter of the world's food production in storage. If British scientists succeed in doing this, which he believed they would, immense possibilities would be opened up.

RADIATION

Other panels showed the use of radiation in sterilising antibiotics by gamma rays, changing the properties of plastics, the density of oils, and treating seeds to alter the growth and nature of plants.

The other half of the British Exhibition devoted to nuclear power development is aimed at the engineering world — showing British "know-how" in making the components needed in the process of harnessing atomic energy for power.

Two new models are on show — of the Calder Hall Project and

'PEACE BY MUTUAL TERROR'

Sydney, Apr. 29. British and Australian scientists at the Woomera Rocket Range in South Australia are concentrating on developing longer range "retaliation" weapons, the Minister of Supply, Mr Howard Beale, said here yesterday.

He told a meeting of the Congressional Men's Fellowship that it was hoped to reach a stage when what Sir Winston Churchill once called "peace by mutual terror" would reign.

He said that the scientists at Woomera have so far been working on short range guided missiles.

Mr Beale did not specify the range of the new weapons.

The Australian Government had provided facilities for the new programme which it considered a vital contribution to the prevention of a new world war, he said.

Such weapons would deter hostile nations from acts of aggression.

WAR UNLIKELY

"As soon as an enemy's weapon was discovered to be heading towards our country, a button would be pressed before it even arrived and a missile would be on its way to the enemy's country," he said.

"That is what we are after and it is a contribution to that and which we are seeking to make at Woomera."

Mr Beale said experts said that World War Three was unlikely to happen. "If this is so, it is only because we have strong powers of retaliation — so strong that it is not worthwhile to attack us," he said. — China Mail Special.

Indian Envoy To Malaya Arrives

Singapore, Apr. 28. Mr Prithi Singh, Assistant Commissioner for India in Malaya, has arrived here in the steamer Sangola on the way to take up his new appointment in Kuala Lumpur, the Malayan capital.

Mr Singh, who will be in Singapore for several days, told reporters he was pleased to come here at a time when Singapore and Malaya were undergoing great changes.

Mr Singh, who is accompanied by his wife, was formerly Secretary in the Indian Embassy in Damascus.

India's new Commissioner in Singapore and Malaya, Mr V. M. Nair, accompanied by his family, is due to arrive in Singapore on Thursday.

Mr Nair, who recently deputy High Commissioner for India in Ceylon, succeeds Mr R. K. Tandon, who has been transferred to India as Joint Secretary in the External Affairs Ministry. — Reuters.

Paris, Apr. 28. Soviet-British relations showed a link upswing in the first 10 months of 1956, but dropped sharply at the year's end, Soviet Culture Minister, Nikolai Mikhalov, said in an interview reported today by the Soviet Tass news agency.

Mikhalov, in an interview with the Soviet magazine, New Times, said this drop was caused by "British official organisations" which he said did nothing to maintain cultural relations but instead worked against them. — France-Press.

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Guarantees And Promises Being Withdrawn

By RUSSELL JONES

Vienna, Apr. 28.

Hungarian puppet Premier Janos Kadar has reimposed Communist control of all activities in Hungary by using the tactics of former dictator Matyas Rakosi.

Bit by bit, he has withdrawn all guarantees and promises made after last October's revolution, simultaneously moving to eliminate the leaders of the ferment which brought on the uprising.

In the more than five months since the Soviets smashed the revolt, Kadar has virtually restored the situation which existed before Rakosi was ousted last July 18.

Dery Falls

With the arrest this week of Tibor Dery, an outstanding writer, Kadar has come almost full circle. Dery led the discussions in the Petofi circle which brought on Rakosi's fall, and was one of the intellectual leaders of the revolution.

Earlier Tibor Dery and Gyula Hay, two other leaders of the Petofi meetings, were arrested.

All were seized on suspicion of "crimes against the state." Since the revolt was put down last November Kadar — still backed by 12 to 15 Russian divisions — has made and re-imposed these promises:

★ 1. A broadening of the government by including national Communist and non-Communist leaders.

In November, Kadar said he was willing to discuss the par-

liament in the government not only of Imre Nagy but also of Zoltan Tildy, Bela Kovacs and other non-Communists. Now, Nagy has been labelled a traitor, demands are being made for his trial and there is no more talk about the others.

★ 2. Permission for children to be given religious education. Parents who have indicated they wanted their children to attend religious lessons have been hounded by the secret police in the same fashion as during the Rakosi era.

Russian Enforced

★ 3. Abolition of the compulsory study of Russian. Despite Kadar's promises this rule has been reimposed and brutally enforced by the secret police.

★ 4. An end to compulsory farm deliveries. Promises to relieve farmers of this burden have been carried out by making land taxes payable in crops — thus effecting the same end. The old Communist scare about Colorado beetles also has been revived to force the farmers to deliver their potatoes to the state.

★ 5. Dissolution of collective farms and the right of farmers to own their land. The word "kulak" is again being used to describe almost anyone owning land, and many of those who left collectives have been arrested and tried.

Arrest Hundreds

★ 6. The right to passports and permission to travel abroad. This promise — "fulfilled" by arresting hundreds of persons gathered around Western missions.

★ 7. The retention of the "gain of the revolution." Leaders of the revolt, whether workers or intellectuals, have been labelled "counter-revolutionaries" ferreted out and brought to trial.

Rakosi used the expression "Salami tactics" to describe how he whittled down the opposition, slicing it off a little at a time.

Kadar has used the same trick first to calm the still rebellious people, and then to clamp the lid down again. — United Press.

Planes Violate Air Space

Damascus, Apr. 28. Two Turkish planes violated Syrian air space by flying over Tel Abiad in Jerzikh, the Syrian newspaper Al Alam said today, quoting a Ministry of the Interior spokesman.

The newspaper said the Syrian Ministry of the Interior has notified the Foreign Ministry of the incident and asked the Ministry to draw the Turkish Government's attention to the violation. — France-Press.

Beach Modesty In France



This unique item was to be seen at this year's annual Paris Exhibition of Small Inventions. It is a portable tent — for bathers who wish to undress on the beach without embarrassment. — Express Photo.

MYSTERY OF MUSSOLINI'S TREASURE COMES BEFORE COURT

Padua, Apr. 29. The mystery of a fabulous treasure which Mussolini tried to smuggle out of Italy the day he died 1945, will come before a court here today after a 12-year investigation.

The treasure was seized from the Fascist dictator and his Ministers near Dongo, on the shores of Lake Como, in April 1945, as he attempted to flee to neutral Switzerland.

What happened to it is unknown. At least seven people who would have moved the treasure were murdered and several others disappeared and are presumed murdered.

Thirty-five people will stand trial, three in their absence, on charges ranging from murder to theft in connection with the disappearance of the "Dongo treasure."

The most important defendant is Daniele Geronzi, wartime partisan leader and postwar Communist member of the Chamber of Deputies. His parliamentary immunity was lifted in 1955 to allow his commitment for trial. But he left Italy for an East European destination and will be tried in absentia.

The Dongo treasure, variously valued between three and 11 thousand million lire (\$1,725,000 and \$3,325,000 sterling) included cases of gold ingots, gold sovereigns, jewels, rare foreign currencies and two precious crowns seized from the Emperor, Haile Selassie, of Ethiopia, at the time of the Abyssinian war.

Mussolini made his ill-fated flight from Milan with his mistress, Clara Petacci, and two young sons, on April 28, 1945, after the breakdown of surrender negotiations with the Allies.

A fugitive column of cars and trucks left Milan escorted by Blackshirt militiamen. At Dongo the column was stopped by partisans who captured Mussolini.

Mussolini and his mistress were reportedly executed as an Allied column with orders to take him alive, raced to the scene. But the treasure vanished. A small part, including Haile Selassie's crown, was later handed over to the Government.

Over 100 witnesses are due to testify before the Padua tribunal — but one important piece of evidence will be missing. Nearly 200 feet of film were shot by an amateur cameraman at Dongo on April 27, 28 and 29, as partisans killed Mussolini with hand grenades and machine guns. The film was a faithful record of what took place — but it has vanished. — China Mail Special.

CLOSURE OF MUNITION FACTORIES

Washington, Apr. 28. Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee today urged the Defence Department to reconsider the US Army's plans for closing some factories making conventional ammunition.

In a special report the three members of the Committee said: "We should not put ourselves in a position where we are compelled to fight all-out nuclear warfare for want of sufficient lesser weapons."

The inquiry, headed by Senator Estes Kefauver (Democrat-Tennessee) followed a Defence Department decision to close three government-owned ammunition factories by the middle of this year.

Army spokesmen testified at the hearings that new weapons, including "baby" nuclear devices suitable for use on a battlefield, had reduced the need for conventional ammunition.

BROADER ASPECT

The Senate Committee had received protests from contractors and their employees protesting against the proposed closures, but their report dealt with broader aspects of reducing production of conventional ammunition.

They urged the Secretary of Defence, Mr Charles Wilson, to determine whether the present policy would enable the armed services to "carry out designated missions."

The report also called attention to the world-wide military commitments of the United States and asked about stockpiles of conventional ammunition for America's allies in case of large or small wars. — Reuters.

Aid Inspection

Peshawar, Apr. 28. Arthur Raper, Middle Eastern advisor of the American International Co-operation Administration (ICA) who arrived in Peshawar last night, today visited half a dozen village aid projects in the Northwest Frontier area of Pakistan.

Raper told reporters later that he was satisfied with the smooth working of village aid projects, and with Pakistan's policy of giving preference to village aid projects in its five-year plan.

Raper has already visited Iran, the Lebanon, Libya, Ethiopia, Iraq, Afghanistan, India and Formosa. He will conclude his survey in this region within two days. — France-Press.

SUEZ 'PAY-OFF' FOR BRITAIN THIS WEEK

Brighton, Apr. 28. Mr Harold Wilson, prominent member of the Labour Opposition, declared here today that this week would see the Suez "pay-off", with Britain forced to accept a far less satisfactory settlement than she could have had in October.

Mr Wilson, former President of the Board of Trade and now the party's chief spokesman on Economic Affairs in Parliament, was addressing a May Day rally.



MR HAROLD WILSON

He said: "This week will see the pay-off for the lunacies of the last six months as Britain will be forced to accept a Suez Canal settlement far less satisfactory than we could have had, and were on the point of getting, last October."

He also declared: "Mr Macmillan climbed to power on the back of Lord Salisbury because the debarth thought he was more likely than Mr Butler to follow an imperialistic foreign policy."

"Well, now Lord Salisbury has been ditched and Mr Macmillan has had to accept the realities of the international situation."

FAILURE

"As the Government goes and the Suez group work off their spleen on the Americans they vainly try to conceal the fact that our failure to get a better settlement of the Suez problem is primarily due to the Anglo-French aggression last October."

Britain he said, had been "born off the field" and now stood watching events on the touchline.

"None of Mr Macmillan's quips or evasions, none of his elegant cowardice, elegance can disguise this disastrous turn of events in world affairs."

GIGANTIC MYTH

The conservative press were "trying to carry through a gigantic myth that somehow all their 'has' gone wrong, all the evil things, can be quietly and tactfully laid at the door of the ministers who have gone, especially Sir Anthony Eden, and that since January we have had a new, virginal administration produced over by the wonderful Mr Macmillan."

He added: "The truth is that this is not a new administration."

"It is the same men who have been responsible for the nation's affairs for the last six years." — Reuters.

TV SIGNALS TRAVEL 12,000 MILES

Melbourne, Apr. 28. A Melbourne electronic engineer, Mr George Palmer, has been receiving television signals over the record distance of 12,000 miles from London and from South America.

Mr Palmer received the signals on special apparatus in his studio which is acknowledged to be one of the most modern in the world.

He is believed to be the first man in Australia to have received television signals from both London and South America.

His special equipment picks up clearly sound from BBC television broadcasts and frequent vision signals.

Mr Palmer believes it will not be long before regular clear transmission can be obtained for overseas. — China Mail Special.

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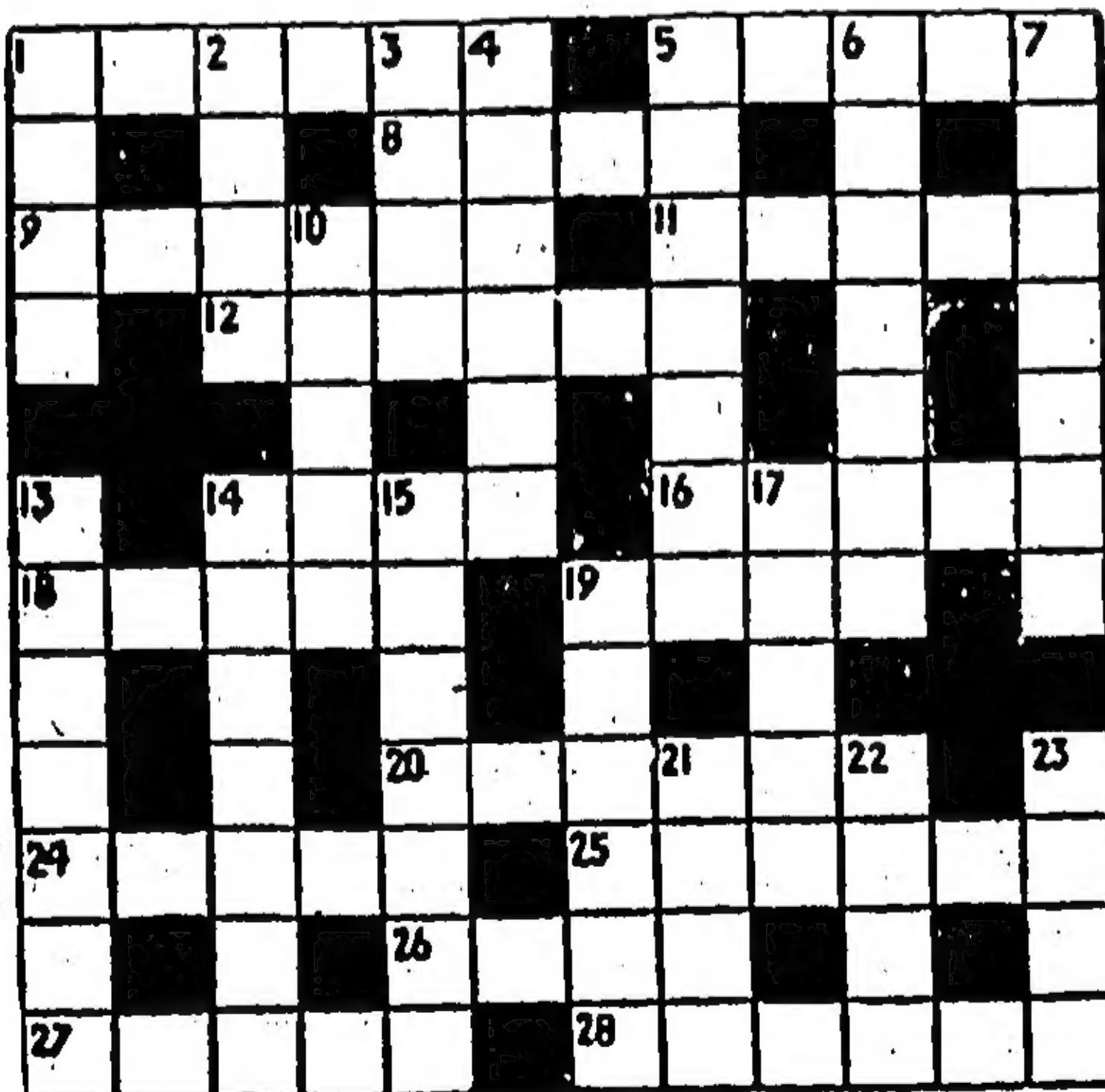
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Ten-year period (6).
 - 2 Part of a church (5).
 - 3 Greedy (4).
 - 4 Middle (6).
 - 5 Speak (6).
 - 6 Slang (6).
 - 7 Officers' confusion? (4).
 - 8 Throw out (6).
 - 9 Tolerate (5).
 - 10 Object of worship (4).
 - 11 Beam (6).
 - 12 Locomotion (5).
 - 13 Commission (6).
 - 14 Rent (4).
 - 15 Material (5).
 - 16 Unruffled (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Cut short (4).
 - 2 Jargon (4).
 - 3 Mend (4).
 - 4 Happenings (6).
 - 5 Bedecked (7).
 - 6 Dog (7).
 - 7 Lift (7).
 - 8 Domesticated (5).
 - 9 Combats (7).
 - 10 If I were in this church you'd see the parson (7).
 - 11 Hide (7).
 - 12 Playing-card (6).
 - 13 Deduces (6).
 - 14 Ash (4).
 - 15 Anger (4).
 - 16 Border (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Topic, 4 Slaves, 8 Instep, 10 Arson, 12 Arenas, 14 Theorem, 17 Nape, 19 Singlet, 20 Diadema, 22 Aloe, 23 Desert, 27 Lament, 29 Koala, 30 Talent, 31 Nodded, 32 Enter. Down: 1 Twist, 2 Par, 3 Clear, 5 Lash, 6 Vessel, 7 Sonnet, 9 Escalade, 11 Tanager, 13 Emblem, 15 Mail, 16 Ordeal, 18 Pebb, 20 Darken, 21 Solace, 24 State, 25 Event, 26 Tutor, 28 Males.

A TRUE-TO-LIFE MURDER MYSTERY SET IN ELSTREE. THE BACKGROUND IS THE SHOOTING OF AN ACTUAL FILM (ISLAND IN THE SUN) NOW AWAITING RELEASE.

A scream — then Mason finds the body

JOSEPH RAPPERLEY, a crooked private inquiry agent and former scandal sheet publisher, wants to get into the film studios at Elstree. His secretary has told him that a man called Jerry Wilton is visiting the set of Island in the Sun. This is the film of Alec Waugh's novel starring James Mason, Joan Collins and Michael Rennie.

They all know and dislike Rapperley. "If he came on the set, I simply couldn't go on acting," James Mason tells Joy Raymond, who is in charge of publicity on the set. But Rapperley won't take no for an answer. He bribes a van driver to smuggle him into the studio.

"THE visitors have arrived," Joy Raymond's secretary said. "Four of them."

"It's only 12 o'clock, and they weren't due till just before one. Now where's that list of names?" Pushing back her hair with one hand, Joy Raymond searched desperately on her desk with the other. "Here we are, Louis Goltz, South African diamond merchant. A VIP obviously. Mrs. Harriet Mary Mackintosh, president of the South Eastern section of Federated and Associated Women's Clubs of America. Oh, dear, one of those."

"Joseph Baker, Yorkshire woollen manufacturer. Why isn't he touring the Rank group, I wonder? Alvin Melville, vice-president, Davidson and Melville, New York, public relations con-

by
Julian Symons

That's a nice mixed bag. Here we go."

She went down to the car and greeted them. Visitors to film studios always show a tendency to wander away on their own. They get lost, or penetrate into fastnesses where no visitor should be, and it is the job of somebody in the publicity department at once to extend them every hospitality, and quickly to shepherd them in the right direction.

This Joy Raymond now proceeded to do. They would want to see what was going on, she suggested, and took them to see Joan Collins and Stephen Boyd still playing that unfinished love-making scene in the elaborate combination set that had been built on Stage Three to simulate several rooms in a house at Barbadoes.

There was a lighting hold-up, however, and not until just before lunch-time did they begin to shoot. For half an hour the visitors saw nothing more exciting than the wardrobe woman at work executing running repairs on Joan Collins's white dress. They seemed inclined to think that they were being cheated in some way, an idea that Joy Raymond did her best to dispel over lunch.

HER REQUEST

"This afternoon you'll see the scene in which James Mason strangles Michael Rennie. I think you'll find that interesting."

Mrs. Mackintosh beamed at her through thick horn-rimmed spectacles. "James Mason is my favourite actor. Do you think he would write a little rhyming piece in my autograph book? I have a collection of original rhymes written down for me by more than 200 famous people, from Winston Churchill to



Mayor Kelvin McConnelly, of my own home city."

"Will this murder scene also be shot on Stage Three?" asked Alvin Melville, the public relations consultant, a bulky man in his forties with neat moustache and beard.

"No, on Stage One. The scene is played on a large rostrum that's been specially built for it."

Joseph Baker, the Yorkshire woollen manufacturer, belched slightly. "Pardon me. Seems to me you film people waste a deal of money with all these fancy sets. Go out with a camera and get on with the job. I say. Tell me now, why don't they do a bit more of that?"

Joy Raymond was doing her best to explain why details had to be exactly right, and why arc lamps had to be focused in certain positions, when she was called away to deal with an inquiry about some Press photographs that were urgently needed and had mysteriously disappeared. When she came back a few minutes later only the South African diamond merchant Louis Goltz remained at the luncheon table. He was a little brown bald man with a face wrinkled up puffy, like a walnut, and he seemed to have an uncommon capacity for silence. Now he told her that the others had gone off, and had said that they would all be on Stage One in a few minutes.

HIS INTEREST

"Let's go and find them, shall we? Have you a professional interest in the cinema Mr. Goltz?"

"Why no, ma'am. Diamonds are my business. Mention the name Goltz in Johannesburg and it means diamonds. But this certainly is a remarkable experience for me, a remarkable experience."

Mr. Goltz spoke as if he were watching a show of fireworks. The man he had been as Joy Raymond said, built on a rostrum, to permit a shot of James Mason and Michael Rennie, as angry planter and Angle-Indian colonel, entering the hall below and walking upstairs. The set itself contained two rooms in the colonel's house, created with the most loving care. There was an inner room set for dinner, and a living-room containing the characteristic reminiscences of such a man's life — regimental photographs, rifles on the wall, boxes and knick-knacks placed haphazardly about.

They walked up steps on to the set, where James Mason and Michael Rennie sat waiting in chairs while their stand-ins went through a rehearsal for lighting. Joy Raymond saw Mrs. Mackintosh talking earnestly to one of the cameramen. Was she getting an original rhyme from him too?

QUIET PLEASE

Now Mason and Rennie got up, and director Robert Rossen nodded to assistant director Gerry O'Hara. Immediately O'Hara called out: "Very quiet now. Ready for shooting. Very quiet, please." He waited a moment, then pressed the button that closed the outer doors. Where were Baker and Melville, Joy Raymond wondered, and noted also with some irritation that Mrs. Mackintosh had now vanished from the rostrum. She moved to leave the rostrum and find them.

Now came the minutes for which these days of preparation had been designed, as Rossen said quietly. "Action," the actors began to walk up the stairs and go through their parts, and a whole crowd of technicians moved after them across the set.

Lighting cameraman, camera operator, focus man and loader were in one group. To one side of them stood continuity girl Maggie Shipway, alert for any variations from the script which she carried in her hand, director Robert Rossen and producer Darryl Zanuck. After them trailed a random collection of people, most of them known merely by their occupations, as make-up wardrobe and hair-dressing.

"How do they manage to act with all those people around?" Goltz whispered to Joy Raymond. "It baffles me."

NO VIEW

The publicity woman, who had often asked the same question, made no reply. She had just caught sight of Melville, standing like a petrified image on the studio floor, below the rostrum. He won't see a thing, she thought, but really I can't help it.

Rossen moved after the actors like a little thick-set bull,

head thrust forward, lips slightly apart, arms hanging loosely. Zanuck followed him, a small man in a crumpled grey suit, cutting a large cigar, his face expressionless. They watched as Michael Rennie offered James Mason a drink. Mason refused it and told Rennie to stay away from his wife. Rennie expressed astonishment, they argued — "Cut," said Rossen suddenly. The tension eased, people began talking in low voices. Melville came up the steps to the set with an apologetic nervous smile. Rossen was talking quietly to James Mason. "Something wrong Jimmy?"

Mason passed a hand across his face. "There's something — I don't know what it is — something wrong with the set."

"With the set?" Rossen was surprised.

"I'm just nervous, I expect. I'm sorry, Bob. Can we try it again?"

SHOOTING NOW

"Sure," Rossen gestured to Gerry O'Hara.

"That's enough, now," Gerry called. "All quiet, please. We're shooting."

They went through this scene again, this time to the end, with Mason striking Rennie on the jaw and then kneeling on the ground to strangle the prostrate man. While his hands were on Rennie's throat a sudden scream ran through the studio. "Cut," Rossen snapped. "What the hell!"

The scream came from somewhere below the rostrum, a woman's voice high-pitched. Joy Raymond stepped down from the rostrum and saw that it came from Mrs. Harriet Mary Mackintosh who, with a face like puffy and horn-rimmed spectacles askew, stood beside one of the painted backgrounds and pointed to something behind it, still screaming.

It was James Mason who reached her first, looked behind the background scene and saw the small body there, curled up, its face puffy and purple. He knelt beside it and said, in tones that mingled astonishment and indignation: "It's that scandal sheet reporter — it's Rapperley. And with an actor's natural egoism he added: 'I knew there was something wrong with the set.'"

TOMORROW

The Inspector suspects James Mason

Francoise Sagan

By LES ARMOUR

FRANCOISE Sagan shrugs. It is her first and automatic reaction to anything. Then she speaks slowly... "I couldn't write about war or fishing or farming could I?"

She grew up in Paris in a luxurious apartment block near the Madeleine. Her father — grey and square and solid looking — is a prosperous manufacturer of metal crucibles.

Francoise, one might think, could write about metal crucibles. Or about substantial, upright, bourgeois citizens.

She does not, however. She writes about people who have, in her own words, "no fixed morals".

Presumably, it is fair to ask how, at 20, coming from

and America, she prepared to take her word for it. Her first novel "Bonjour Tristesse" made enough money to last her several lifetimes. She gets £1,000 a throw for articles in American magazines.

Hollywood will pay her 3 per cent of the take on a film based on "Bonjour".

Of course, she has already grown tired of "Bonjour". She will no longer discuss it. And she does not think it will from Hollywood.

"All the characters will be married and they will all have babies, I suppose." (One is left to infer that having babies is the ultimate low.)

In any case, she distrusts both the Americans and the English. "They cannot understand that you can be a good person and not have fixed morals. They think the wicked always have to be punished and the good always have to be made happy. 'But this is not true.'"

The excellent philosophers of Oxford and Cambridge and



an environment in which morals are very fixed indeed, she can write about them. One might, in fact, be inclined to think that she would know rather more about war or farming or fishing.

She has fished and her father does maintain a house in the country where she has spent six months out of every year in her life. She must, at least, have seen farmers' farm.

Still, her own view is that "every little girl knows about love. It is only her capacity to suffer because of it that increases." And, she adds, "a girl of 15 is a woman."

These are unusual views even in Paris and, although Shakespeare seems to have held them too (Juliet was only 13), one might expect some arguments in support of them.

To Francoise, however, they are self-evident truths and arguments are not to the point. She knows — or she thinks she knows. And several tens of thousands of readers in Europe

Hatvard who have always taken it more or less for granted that to be "good" meant, in fact, that one had some sort of "fixed morals" can take themselves as having been disarmed. They have been over-ruled by a higher court.

It is not discreet to ask a girl of 20 whether or not she herself has "fixed morals", but nobody has, strangely enough, discovered any particular lack of them in Miss Sagan.

Her one "vice" is — or was until last week — fast cars. She likes to drive them down country roads in the dead of night. Sometimes she drives barefoot because "it increases the thrill".

Last week one of her drives ended in a crash which left her unconscious for several days and it is taking all the skill of modern medicine to keep her alive.

It is unlikely that modern science will be able to do anything for her black Jaguar convertible.

Perhaps the crash will radically alter her outlook. But, up to the moment of it, she was still concerned with love. In the car was found the manuscript for another novel. It is called "Les Poupées Mortes" — "The Dead Eyelids" — and in it business is as usual.

★ ★ ★

Apart from motor car her principal interest is in life. When she was in New York she went every night to Har-lem's Savoy Ballroom.

She described it as "the most fantastic place I have ever seen. Six thousand coloured men with beautiful bright shirts dancing. We danced from 11 till six. I didn't know I could dance so much but in New York there is something tonic in the air."

At home in St. Germain des Pres she dances only till four.

So the Americans do have something even if they are confused about morals.

Her late night interludes a little with her days. She sleeps late and spends the early afternoon seeing friends. That leaves her the late afternoon in which to write before the round begins again.

And what does her father think of this distinctly unbourgeois regimen? He isn't saying much.

But perhaps he is, noticing that there is something of the bourgeois about her still.

For, apart from an expensive fur coat and her Jaguar, Francoise lives fairly frugally.

Most of that fabulous fortune is being salted away.

And a productive typewriter can be as sound a proposition as a factory making metal crucibles.

This little beauty does 74 in third gear

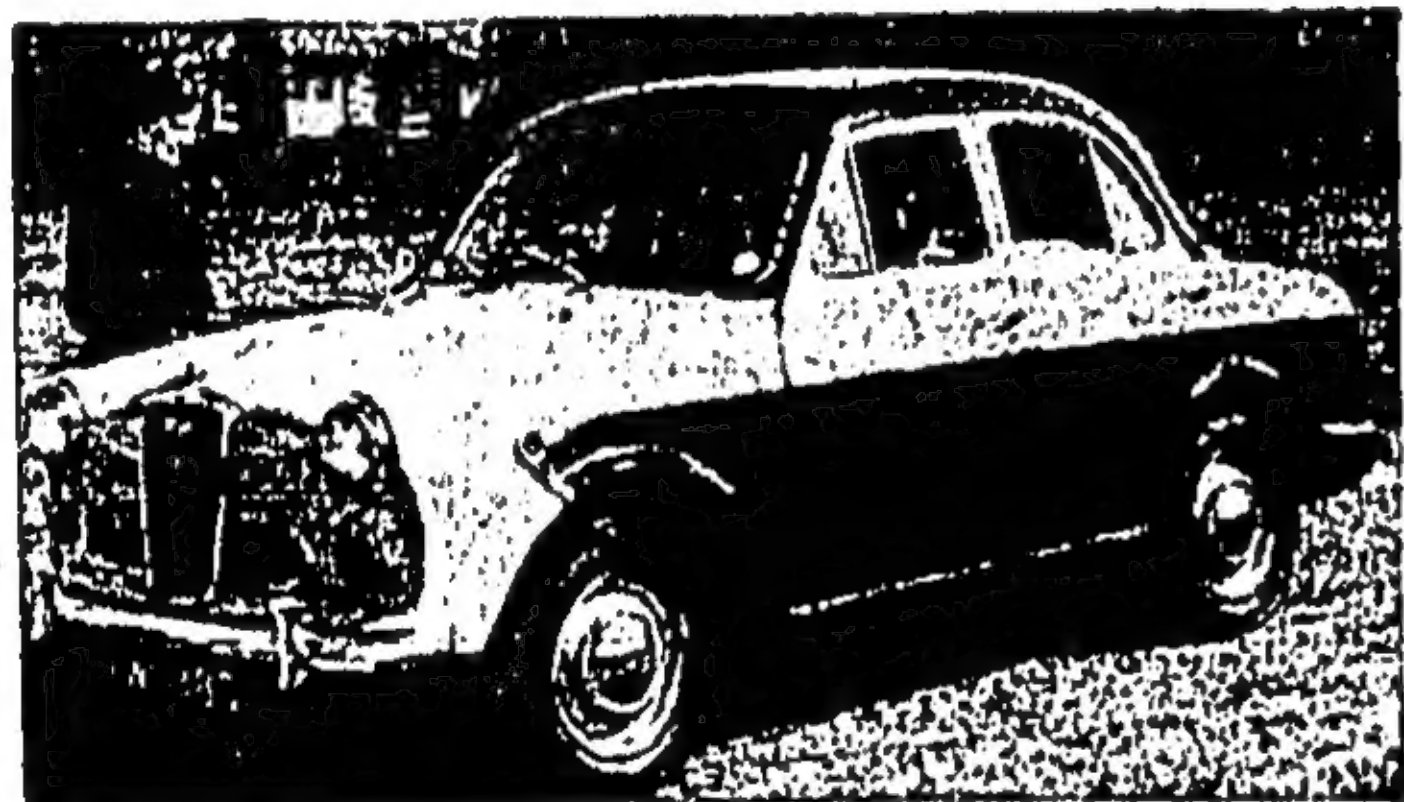
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By BASIL CARDEW

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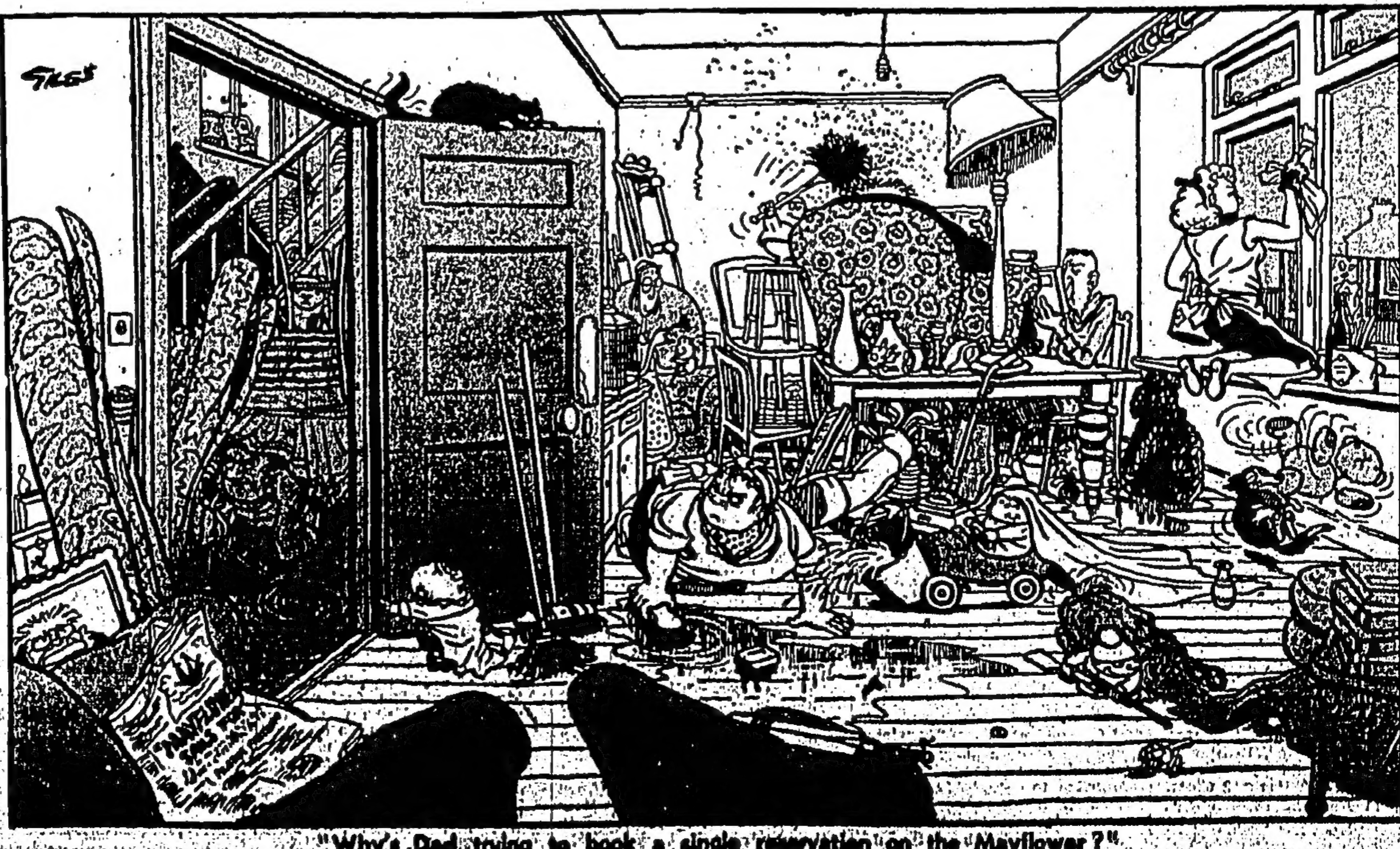
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"Why's Dad trying to book a single reservation on the 'Mayflower'?"

SENIOR "A" FINAL SAINTS WERE FULL VALUE FOR THEIR 7-1 VICTORY OVER PANDAS By "TIME OUT"

An obviously jittery Hongkong Pandas side proved no match for an experienced Saints nine when in the final play-off for the Senior "A" Championship at King's Park yesterday Bimbi Abiong's Joys trampled all over Kenneth Chun's boys by a score of 7 runs to 1.

A large and appreciative crowd witnessed the Championship game and got full value for their money as the Saints, capitalising on a series of errors by a shaky Pandas outfit, played heads-up ball to cop the title.

For the Pandas this was their first appearance in a Senior Championship, and they allowed themselves to succumb to an attack of "big game" nerves which contributed to their eventual downfall as the veteran Saints took full advantage of every break that came their way.

The tooling section of the Pandas exercised their vocal chords to the full when in the top of the first inning Wally Ma singled to left field, promptly followed by Claude Pugh who fumbled by catcher Sherry Bux to the hot corner. J. Jen then foul-popped to Bux and then Y. S. Liang poled a sacrifice fly to score Ma for the Pandas' first and only run of the game. Lam Ping grounded out to close the inning.

The Saints' A. G. Small worked Jackie Wei for a free pass to first and easily stole second. Then a bad relay to first on Art Orazio's infield grounder saw the field-footed Small crossing the plate for the tying run.

A lightning peg across the diamond accounted for Orazio when he tried to make second. Benny Omar looked over a third strike and Claude Pugh popped up to Y. S. Liang in short to end the Saints' half of this inning.

The Pandas seemed to have difficulty in connecting the strikes. Salih was tossing over the plate and went down in order in the second. The Saints were quick in breaking up the deadlock as in this inning, after Dave Leonard had walked and Sherry Bux had let a third strike float past him, Meme Xavier lashed a stinging drive in the direction of third base. This proved too hot for Wally Ma to handle and the Joys now had two runners in scoring position.

The expected squeeze play paid off as, with only one away, manager Abiong gave the sign to A. K. Small who laid down a near-perfect bunt. The Pandas first-sacker, anticipating this very move, turned the bunt smartly and snapped a fast throw to Bobby Tao, covering the initial sack, for the second out.

A hesitant Leonard then broke for home and what should have been a easy two-killing turned out disastrously for the Pandas as Bobby Tao, in the excitement of the moment, relayed the ball to catcher Tsao nilles wide for Leonard to score.

Salih's tricky bounce to Wally Ma at third gave Meme Xavier all the time he needed to cross the plate for run number three. A routine infield out ended any further scoring.

The Saints went ahead in the bottom of the third when after Orazio had walked, Benny Omar bunted safely to come back into third. Then, with one away, Dave Leonard earned deserving applause from the crowd by leaning on a waist-high pitch and sending it out to left field, scoring both Orazio and Omar in the process.

At this stage, with a four runs lead, the Saints were playing inspired ball and Salih was in unbeatable form as a demoralised Pandas squad tried desperately to come back into the game but could not make any headway against a defence which gave nothing away.

The Saints added two more runs in the bottom of the fifth when Claude Pugh then started off with a single over second base. Claude Pugh then got a pass to first and both runners advanced to scoring position on a bad tumble by catcher Tsao.

With the stage all set, two successive infield outs saw both Omar and Pugh scampering across the plate for runs number six and seven and as far as the crowd and the Pandas were concerned, it was all over bar the shouting.

Now trailing by six runs, the Pandas opened the sixth inning with grim determination, but only the most optimistic would have dared hope for a late-innings rally.

But that was as far as the Warriors got as Salih retired the next two batters on easy pop-ups to right field to end a game which never reached great heights.

The Saints were full value for their victory over a side from which much was expected, but unfortunately for member Hank Kikler and Wally Ma were just unable to get going when runs were needed most and when they did come through the writing was already on the wall.

After years of frustration, the Hongkong Pandas were, on Thursday night, beaten by the Saints in a "marathon" affair lasting

rally. Charlie Leung failed to connect square and Pugh was in there waiting for the ball to drop into his waiting glove.

Wally Ma was issued a walk but the best J. Jen could do was to let a third strike go by while he looked over the seams on the ball for the second out.

Y. S. Liang poled a hard grounder to Orazio at second base for the third out.

In this same inning, after two away, the Joys' A. G. Small hit a centre-field and an over-cager Phillip Hsu allowed the ball to go through his long legs. After the confusion had died down Small was safely parked on third, with another potential run in scoring position.

Art Orazio's infield fly was snared by Hal Ong to leave Small stranded.

Fans were beginning to trickle out of the park as nothing short of a miracle could deny the Saints the Championship, which on the day form they certainly deserved. The last stand of the Pandas saw a stern-faced Lam Ping striding up to the plate but his long fly landed smack into the mitt of left-fielder Meme Xavier for the first out.

Philip Hsu swung half-heartedly for the ball to end up in Benny Omar's direction and one of Omar's characteristic lobs to Leonard had ample time to reach first base for the second out.

With two away Raymond Tsao ended the game ingloriously by being struck out.

It is extremely doubtful if the Pandas, even on their best showing, could have taken the decision yesterday as, apart from the first-inning fumble by receiver Bux, the Saints played two hits throughout and did not put a foot wrong in the entire game.

Hunter Salih played a decisive role in his teammates' victory, facing only 24 batters and allowing the Pandas only two hits, whilst the Pandas' Jackie Wei, although pitching a good game, gave up five scattered hits, but had very poor support from his infield.

It would appear that the hard-luck Pandas are not destined to win any honours as this is the first season that they have gotten through to the final, only to come up against opposition which proved just that shade too good for them.

The "SEMI-FINALS" The veteran Saints disposed of the Warriors in no uncertain fashion by a score of 8 runs to 4 on Friday to earn the right to meet the Hongkong Pandas for the Senior "A" Championship. A series of bunts, coupled with a spate of infield errors in the bottom of the fourth inning, had the Warrior infield at sixes and sevens and with the dust had cleared four precious runs had crossed the plate.

The score belied the standard of play as a shaky Warrior defence, revolving around Jimmy Chang at shortstop just could not clear a combination of the absence of spark-plug Stephen Xavier. The lead changed hands twice in the early stages of the game but a surprise out on a third strike by the Joys' Sherry Bux caught receiver George Ribeiro flat-footed and lanky Benny Omar was not slow in denting the rubber for the tying run in the bottom of the third. Three successive well-laid bunts plus a wild pitch and a costly over-throw highlighted the Saints' half of the fourth and Abiong's boys led 6-2.

The Saints forged ahead in the bottom of the sixth when, with two away, Sherry Bux singled through the pitcher's box to push Dave Leonard across and Bux himself accounted for run number eight on an overthrow by Jimmy Chang to first. With a six runs lead for insurance and one away, the Saints relaxed a little but were joined out of their lethargy when Kikler's boys in their last turn at bat scored two more runs to narrow the gap to 4-8.

But that was as far as the Warriors got as Salih retired the next two batters on easy pop-ups to right field to end a game which never reached great heights.

The Saints were full value for their victory over a side from which much was expected, but unfortunately for member Hank Kikler and Wally Ma were just unable to get going when runs were needed most and when they did come through the writing was already on the wall.

nine innings they nosed out a scintillating Blackbills side by 3 runs to 1. The handful of fans had very little to cheer about until extra time was decided during which period either side could easily have emerged victorious.

A controversial issue is whether mentor Oly Vas of the Hawks showed bad judgment in sending Manuel Nunes home from third base when Nunes might easily have scored on a late play in the bottom of the eighth. The gamble failed to pay off as left-fielder Lam Ping made a magnificent relay to the plate which had Nunes beaten all the way for a neat twin-killing.

The Pandas opened their account in the second inning on a sacrifice fly and the Hawks managed to tie it up in the bottom of the seventh the same way. Rene Barretto and Jackie Wei matched wits and strikes all the way and extra innings had to be played even as the shadows were falling on King's Park.

A rally by the Pandas in the eighth was nipped in the bud by foolish base-running when a single to left field both Harold Ong and Y. S. Liang tried to run for extra bases but instead ran straight into the waiting gloves of John Pereira at third and Donel Remedios at second.

The Hawks then fouled things up badly when, with the bases loaded, Manuel Nunes was tagged out at home plate in an attempt to score the winning run on a fly ball fisted barely yards behind the windy alley. Budji Dhabber failed to come through in the clutch and the game went into the ninth.

The Pandas sewed it up then when Wei's freak hit to right field, inches inside the foul line, pushed Raymond Tsao across for run number two. An error by shortstop Manuel Nunes accounted for the Pandas' third and final run to bring to a close a mediocre game as the Hawks went down after quick order to the Pandas in the championship race.

LADIES' WALKOVER In the only other game scheduled for the afternoon, manager Bill Silva of the Portugal Ladies' International team had to concede a walkover to the Hongkong Ladies' when his girls failed to show up.

Silva made every effort to turn out a side for the game and can hardly be blamed for the lack of co-operation of the Portuguese ladies. It is indeed a pity for regret that the Portuguese girls did not show enough pride to rally to the colours.

IN THE final of the Men's Junior KO series, Robert Remedios' Cheyennes were extremely fortunate to emerge victorious by a score of 2 runs to 1 as Dave Cooper's Austers fought the Cheyennes every inch of the way before conceding defeat. The Austers hardly deserved to lose the decision and only senseless base-running contributed to their downfall.

Both Cooper and Bannan were in good form as each hurler gave up only two hits. Trailing 1-2, the Austers had every chance to pull the game out of the mire in the bottom of the seventh, but a brilliant double play when an impetuous runner tried to make third base on a routine infield out killed the rally.

Robert Remedios added another feather to his cap when his Cheyennes ladies' team just scraped through to a narrow 6-5 victory over the Hongkong University ladies whilst in the last League game of the Men's Junior Division a fiery Austers side lost to the War Eagles by a score of 19 runs to 4.

IN PASSING Skill and thrills, bad breaks and heartaches, fine sportsmanship and tricky plays—these have been the highlights of an exciting season which wound up with an unforgettable tie for honours in the Senior "A" Division.

Now the curtain is finally lowered on a memorable season. "Time Out" on the field has been declared and the post-mortem series begins. After all, it would not be soothful if this back-seat boys did not have their chance to hold the imaginary managerial reins. It is perhaps opportune that a review in retrospect be made. A report on the recently concluded season, with appropriate comments and also news of what is in store for 1957 will appear in "The Column" shortly.

DESPERATE MOMENT FOR NAV BHARAT



A desperate moment for the Nav Bharat "A" defence as Army "A" attacks in the Senior League Hockey final at Sookunpoo on Saturday. Army won this match 5-1.—China Mail Photo.

KMB 1, ARMY 1

A Brilliant Save, A Great Shot, An Unlucky Penalty Kick, Little Else !!!

By I. M. MacTAVISH

A sun-baked, shirt-sleeved capacity crowd packed the Police Stadium at Boundary Street for the Army-KMB match yesterday afternoon. It was one of the hottest April days in the Colony's recorded history. It may be that the exhausting heat sapped the stamina of the players, but in the vital closing stages neither side seemed to have enough in reserve for one last valiant try for a deciding goal.

It may be, of course, that both sides were instinctively satisfied with a point and there was certainly no display of disappointment as the teams strolled off at the end with the scoresheet all square at one goal all.

The lack of light in the KMB team surprised me. They went into the game with added encouragement from the fact that South China had slipped up badly on Saturday. I expected to see them make a real do-or-die effort for the two points that were surely worth their weight in gold. . . . and I mean that in every sense of the rather hackneyed and often misused phrase.

The Bismarcs were without Lee Chun-fat who is under suspension, but Yeung Kwok-kit who took his place did very well and there can be no plea that this was an under strength side.

The soldiers were without Jones' strong, powerful pivot, and centre-forward Bradley who both left for the United Kingdom a few days ago.

Pearson, who stepped into Jones' place, did his part nobly. If he lacked the polish and art of his predecessor he had the same get-the-ball-away-from-the-goal attitude. . . . and he was desperately unlucky to have a vital penalty awarded against him in the 51st minute of the first half. The ball was fired straight at him from very close range and he had no opportunity of getting out of the way.

There was no doubt it struck him on the arm. . . . and similarly there was no doubt he did not deliberately handle the ball. . . . but his physical intervention stopped the ball going to a well placed Bismarcan and the referee had no hesitation in making his decision. It was a difficult situation for the man with the whistle, for no matter what he decided he was on "a bit" to a brickbat from one side or the other and it was good to see the soldiers accept what must have been a very bitter blow without protest.

Tang Sum accepted it with the same spirit and slashed a tremendous shot into the net to put his side ahead.

Allen was back in the Army goal and he turned in a top class display. His handling of the ball was impeccable and one save from a brilliant header by Lau Kai-chu was a truly magnificent piece of goal-keeping.

RUN-OF-THE-MILL A few highlights apart, this was never better than an ordinary run-of-the-mill encounter. It was played hard enough and with the result always in the balance it kept the spectators interested right to the end. . . . but classic football was conspicuous only by its absence.

The respective keepers, Hogan and Tang Sum, tried everything they knew to inject a spot of soccer harmony into the proceedings. . . . but stray passes, bliffling clearances, and faulty anticipation reduced their efforts to a general decelerancy that we hardly expected from these two upper-half teams.

Many eyes were turned on Griffiths who has been in the news a lot recently. The soldiers' left winger flashed his lethal right boot three times in this game. . . . once in an outburst of ill concealed temper when he sent the ball into the crowd after an offside decision had been given against him. He got a word of warning from the referee for this effort. A little later the same irresponsible boot might have caused unnecessary injury to an opponent, but when for a further three he flashed it at a fast cross ball in the 20th minute of the second half he connected perfectly and scored a goal in a million. This was a really wonderful effort and I'm sure few spectators saw the ball from the second it left his foot until it nestled in the back of the net. . . . but then, of course, that was an experience they shared with KMB goalkeeper Wai Fat-kim!

I sat back expecting fireworks after this equaliser, but for some inexplicable reason neither side seemed willing to discard caution and go after the winner. . . . although both teams nearly got on as the result of errors by opposing defenders. . . . Lau Kai-chu, for example, is probably still wondering how a hook shot missed the Army goal after it had been virtually fed up for him by an opponent. . . . and at the other end fine headers by Higgins and Martin were easily have finished up in the net.

VERDICT: A gruelling game in most unfootball-like weather. An all-out effort in the last ten minutes would have paid dividends for either team. Lo Pak, Tang Sum, and Lau Tin were the star Bismarcs. . . . Allan, Oliver, Hogan and Fowler were the Army men who paraded their wares to the best advantage.

The big crowd caused the players some worry when it came to taking corner kicks and I was surprised that Referee Jones and his linesmen tolerated the encroachment until late in the game before making a definite attempt to give the players an unhindered run up to the ball.

A final thought. . . . the playing pitch at Boundary Street is still in exceptionally good condition in spite of the heavy season it has had.

THE TEAMS Army: Allan, Lamb, Oliver, Hogan, Pearson, Fowler, Henderson, Higgins, Grimshaw, Martin, Griffiths.

KMB: Wai Fat-kim; Lo Pak, Lo Kwok-leung; Tang Sum, Lau Tin, Yeung Kwok-kit; Lau Kai-chu, Lau Chi-lam, Chow Shui-hung, Lam Kam-tong, Lau Shu-wah.

What a wonderful result this was for the Army. . . . but what a strange game it turned out to be. The points went to the RAF because they never stopped fighting and never allowed adversity in the shape of a most unfortunate first half injury to Sinclair to upset their concentration.

South China lost simply because they lacked the determination to rise above the circumstances of having to take the field with two reserves in the middle line. . . . but with very few exceptions their star-studded eleven failed to twinkle in anything like the way it has done in the past.

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Colony Boxing Championships Arrangements

The following officials have been nominated by the HKABA for the Colony Boxing Championships to be held at the Southern Playground, Wanchai on May 1, 2 and 3:

Referees for the Preliminaries on May 1 from 7 p.m. — Major Webb, Lt. Sheppard and SMI Harris; for the semi-finals on May 2 from 7.30 p.m. — Major Webb and SMI Harris; for the finals on May 3 from 8 p.m. — Major Webb and Lt. Sheppard. Judges for 1st day — Surg. Cdr. Linton, Major Turner, Lt. Cooper, CSMI Kirkham, CSMI Kelly, WOIT Hogan, F/Lt. Jenkins, WOI Grimsey and WOI Burrows; for 2nd day — Surg. Cdr. Linton, Major Hoddling, CPO Higgs, Major Ship, Lt. Cooper, WOI Grimsey, CSMI Kirkham, WOI Burrows and CSMI Kelly; for 3rd day — Major Hoddling, SMI Harris, Major Ship, Surg. Cdr. Linton, F/Lt. Jenkins and Major Turner.

The HKABA Official in Charge will be Capt. J. Gillett, RA, to whom all enquiries should be addressed.

The Medical Officer will be Dr. Edwards.

Masters of Ceremony will be Sgt. Cooper on the first day, Ted Thomas on the second and RSM A. King, MBE, on the third.

Other officials—Chief Whip, SSI Croft; Clerk of Scales, W. McDonald, Esq.; Ringmaster, SSI Moore.

WEIGH-IN Intending contestants are reminded that the first weigh-in takes place at the Mission to Seamen between 6 and 8 p.m. on April 30 (tomorrow) and that it will be at this weigh-in that the draw is made for the preliminary rounds.

Contestants should report to Capt. Gillett with their entry forms complete. If you for any reason they cannot make it at that time they should ring Capt. Gillett through their boxing officer or club secretary. Every effort will be made to weigh them in at a more convenient time.

Indications are that the number entering is going to be greater than in previous years, even if the Army Individual Champions who did so well in Singapore are not back in time. It appears that some will get back and others will most unfortunately have to wait for transport as it becomes available.

Local entries are at the moment most encouraging and all the popular Chinese boxers have entered with the exception of Henry Wong.

The Championships Finals are taking place in the presence of HE The Governor.

through the groping fingers of Caroline Hill.

This was really a great triumph for the RAF defence. Shepherd has never played better and his command of the penalty area was the best on which the South China has flourished. . . . and on which the RAF success was built.

Martin and Oram joined with wood to provide the sort of defensive play which Shepherd's inspiration deserved, while Jacques once again confirmed his steady improvement. Sinclair had a grand first half and it was a real tragedy when he was reduced to a helpless passenger after a clash with his clubmate Martin. This happened just before the interval and left the Airman to face the whole second half with only ten effective men.

SET THE PATTERN Lillington, the tall RAF centre-forward, set the pattern for the game when he stuck out a foot at a fast cross from Winfield and had the satisfaction of seeing the ball flash into the roof of the net. This goal came a few minutes after the start.

Chu Wing-wah equalised in the 20th minute but immediately Lillington worried the South China defence into an error and he had the easiest of jobs in tapping the ball into the net.

South China were showing signs of strain and disappointment and these turned to dejection when Leonard hooked a Nicol corner between Lau King-cheung and the post to make it 3-1 at the interval.

Cooper moved into the left half berth for the second half and played much better than he had done. At inside-left but weight of numbers told eventually and Lee Yuk-tak chalked one of the deficit midway through the second half.

This was the challenge the Airman needed and they raced to the other end by a brisk attack. Lau Chi-lam conceded an unnecessary corner on the

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Annual Meeting of Hongkong MFA

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2. Appointment of Management Committee for the year 1957-1958.

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SCIENCE & ENGINEERING BRIGHT ANNEALING PLANT

Latest Electric Furnaces Give Better Finish

New electric furnaces have recently
been added to the plant installed at the
Courtlybella Works of Whitehead Iron &
Steel Co. Ltd. for bright annealing coiled
steel strip.

This installation is now the largest of its
kind in Europe. It totals 37 vertical cylindrical
furnaces and 248 annealing containers, all
designed and supplied by The General Electric
Co. Ltd.

The first furnaces, installed
more than 20 years ago, were
used for the Grunewald bright
annealing process. The charge
was sealed in a container and
during the initial heating period
air was expelled through a non-
return valve due to expansion
and to the vaporisation of the
rolling lubricant left on the
strip. The cooling of the charge
was thus carried out in a partial
vacuum, the bright finish de-
pending upon the absence of an
oxidising atmosphere.

Although a perfect and uni-
form anneal was obtained the
finish was not consistently good
and the G.E.C. therefore decided
to introduce a controlled arti-
ficial gas atmosphere, generated
from ordinary town's gas, in
subsequent installations. When
further furnaces were installed
the containers were modified
to permit the use of a controlled
atmosphere. Since then the
quality and uniformity of the
anneal and a superior bright
finish have been consistently
maintained.

The bright annealing plant is
arranged in two parts. The first
one was completed in 1930 by
which time 13 G.E.C. vertical
cylindrical furnaces, with a full
complement of annealing con-
tainers, had been installed. These
furnaces take annealing con-
tainers ranging from 20 in.
to 44 in. The bright annealing
atmosphere is supplied from
G.E.C. town gas burners in-
stalled in a central gas station.

Second Part

In the second part of the
installation there are sixteen
furnaces which have been in
operation for ten years. These
furnaces take annealing con-
tainers ranging from 20 in.
to 44 in. The bright annealing
atmosphere is supplied from
G.E.C. town gas burners in-
stalled in a central gas station.

Now eight more G.E.C. ver-
tical cylindrical furnaces have
been added to bring the total
to twenty-four which, with re-
cuperated pits to house forty-
eight containers and cooling pits
to house ninety-six containers,
occupy a floor space of nearly
10,000 sq. ft. The eight new
furnaces are each rated at 150
kW and take containers with
effective internal dimensions of
44 in. diameter and 80 in. depth.

The furnaces are heated by
heavy gauge nickel-chrome
wire elements, arranged in coil

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Industries Fair (Castle Brom-
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machine gun.

Gun and targets will be elec-
tronically-controlled, so that
when the user is aiming by
curately, the fact will be re-
gistered by a dropping target.
The gun, on which development
began towards the end of World
War II, is now being supplied
to, or being tested by, over 40
countries.

It has been officially adopted
by the United Kingdom Govern-
ment, and production of the
weapon for the Canadian Armed
Forces is to begin in Canada,
under licence, this year. Trials
of the Sterling are now being
held in Australia, India, New
Zealand, Pakistan, the Union of
South Africa, the Federation of
Rhodesia and Nyasaland and
many other countries, including
the Federal Republic of Ger-
many.

Designers and manufacturers
are the Sterling Engineering
Company Ltd., of Dagenham,
Essex, England, who will be
exhibiting the weapon at the
Fair.



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maintaining a uniform heat dis-
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in series with a safety switch
fitted to each furnace top to
ensure that the element supply
is disconnected when an anneal-
ing pot is removed.

The twenty-four furnaces are
served by six automatic tem-
perature control panels each
controlling four furnaces, and
recording their charge tempera-
tures.

A feature of the annealing
containers used with these
furnaces is the method of sup-

porting the charge which is
stacked on a base casting of
heat resisting cast iron. This
casting is then suspended from
the pot-head by heat-resisting
suspension bars. The weight of
the charge being thus carried by
the pot-head, the body of the
container can be made of light
gauge heat-resisting steel to
promote a rapid heat transfer
from the furnace to the con-
tainer and hence to the charge.

A gas tight seal is effected
between the container and the
head by means of a rubber ring,
kept cool by water flowing in a
channel round the top of the
container.

Heat recuperation is an im-
portant feature of both the in-
stallations, the heat content of
containers newly removed from
the furnaces being used to pre-
heat freshly loaded containers.

The preheating is carried out in
brick lined recuperator pits,
each accommodating two hot
containers cooling down and
two newly charged containers
to be preheated. The hot con-
tainers are placed diagonally
opposite each other. A con-
siderable economy in electricity
consumption is effected in this
way.

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flow of controlled atmosphere is
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the wall thickness of the coils,
a typical figure being 12 hours
for a 4 1/2-ton charge.

NEW PACIFIC LINER HAS BROAD SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATION

Comprehensive systems of communications
equipment and radio aids to navigation have been
fitted in the new Canadian Pacific liner Empress
of England, 25,500 tons, by Marconi Marine.

Two entirely separate radar installations are
provided—a medium-power Quo Vadis XII
equipment with a 12-inch display unit mounted
in the wheelhouse, and a high-power Radiolocator
IV with a 15-inch display unit in the wheelhouse
and a 9-inch remote display installed in a Radar
Plotting Room.

Meteors As Radio Boosts

In the Radio Physics Labora-
tory at Ottawa scientists of the
Canadian Defence Research
Board have been conducting ex-
periments with an exciting new
communications technique which
employs meteor trails to trans-
mit radio messages over long
distances.

Some details just released of
the new technique, called
JANET, show that the ionised
trails of numerous tiny meteors,
some no bigger than a pin-head,
are used to reflect radio signals
to far distant receivers.

These minute particles occur
approximately 60 miles above
the earth's surface but, because
they are so small, they can
each be used for only about a
second. Transmission, therefore,
is in short bursts at very high
speeds. Incoming information
is stored and printed at normal
speeds during the intervals be-
tween transmission bursts.

The experiments have proved
that signals can be transmitted
clearly and safely over distances
up to 1,000 miles despite the
atmospheric interference that
often adversely affects normal
radio communications.

The two wheelhouse displays
are mounted side by side on the
starboard side so that compari-
sons between the two presenta-
tions can be made quickly and
easily.

The communications instal-
lation is designed to meet all re-
quirements for transmission and
reception on the marine medium,
intermediate and high frequency
telegraphy bands, and also pro-
vides for intermediate and high
frequency telephony opera-
tion for passengers' messages
and ship's traffic. There
are three telephone booths on
board—one in the First Class
and two in the Tourist Class ac-
commodation—and the ship's
internal telephone system can be
linked with the radio-telephony
installation. Complete privacy
in conversation is ensured by
the provision of speech in-
version equipment.

RADIO-TELEPHONE

Two Globespan transmitters
and two Atlanta receivers are
employed in this service, to-
gether with a telephone terminal
assembly which incorporates a
third Atlanta receiver and the
speech transducer unit. One of
the Globespan will be used
mainly for telegraphy whilst the
other will operate the radio-
telephone service, but the instal-
lation provides for rapid change-
over of transmitters and re-
ceivers to either service as re-
quired.

Provision has also been made
for the simultaneous operation
of the two high power trans-
mitters. The aerials have been
sited for maximum separation
between transmission and re-
ception, and special transmission
reducer circuits have been in-
corporated with the receivers.

The Reliance emergency radio
installation also includes a
receiver and an automatic key-
ing device mounted with switch-
ing arrangements for power sup-
plies and battery charging.

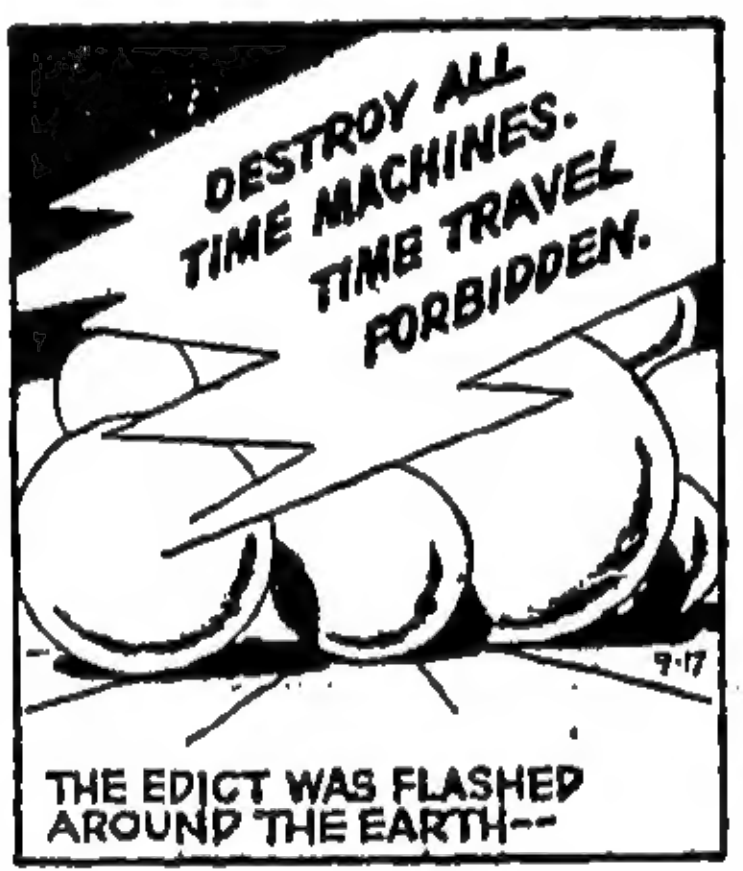
NAVIGATION AIDS

Additional emergency equip-
ment includes transmitter/re-
ceiver equipment installed in a
Class A motor lifeboat, and a
portable transmitter/receiver
which can be carried to any
boat.

Radio aids to navigation in-
clude a gyro-stabilised long-
range direction finder which is
installed in the wireless room.
The radar equipment is on a
scale in keeping with a vessel
of this class, and a special house
has been constructed above the
bridge to accommodate the two
marine radar transmitters with
their motors and starter equip-
ment. The radar house has been
designed to fit in with the ap-
pearance of the ship and the two
scanners are mounted above
it. — (Marconi International
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ford, Essex, England.)

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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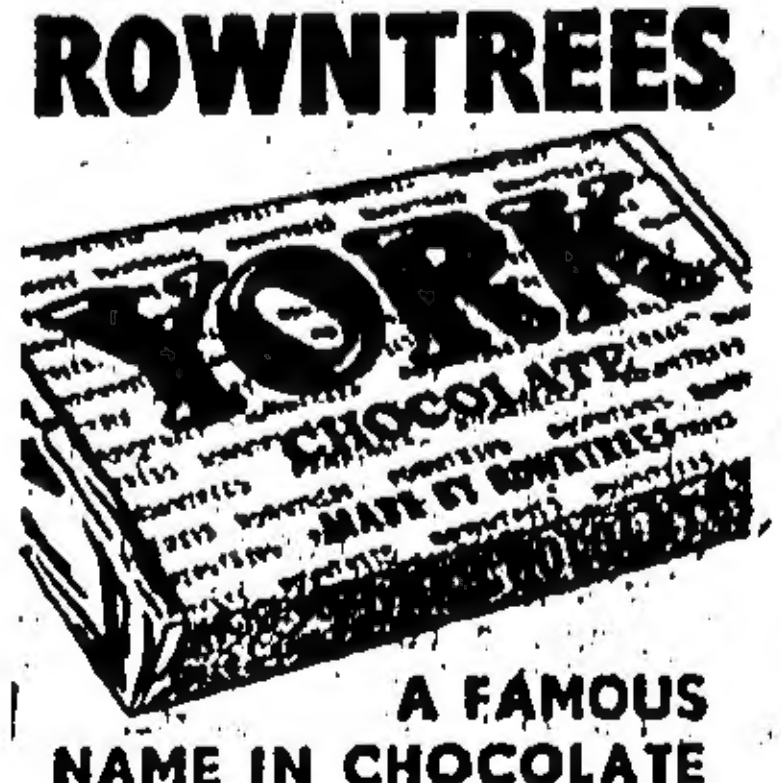
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By Milk



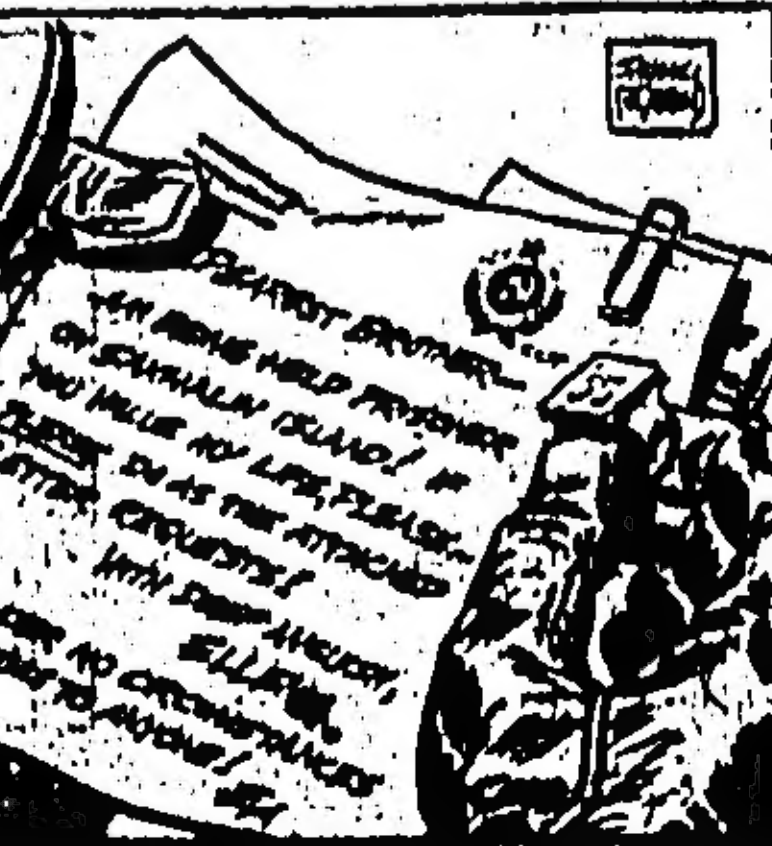
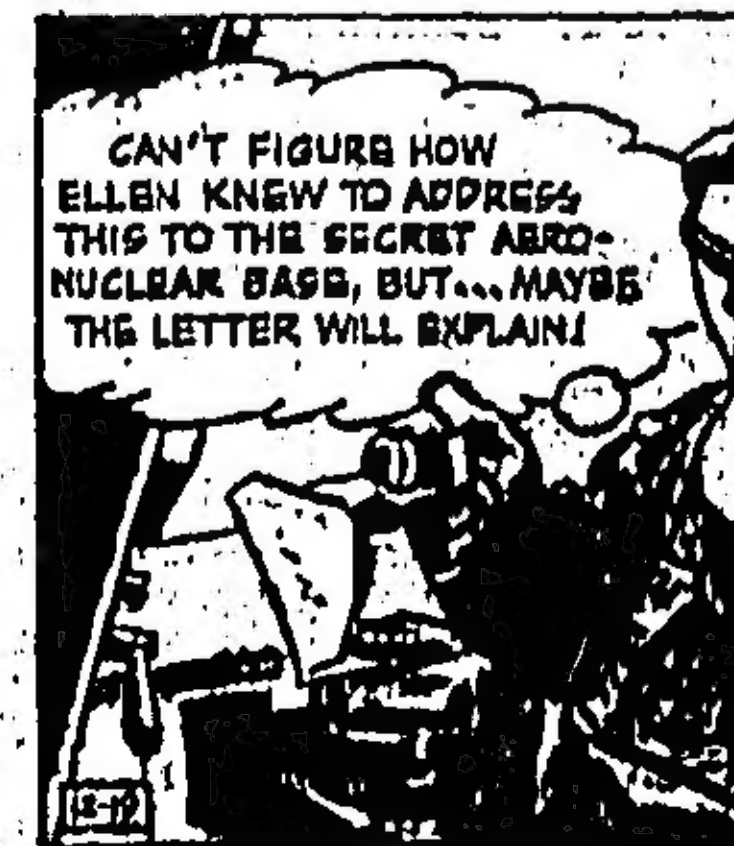
NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



DOUBLE DUO ROLLING MILL

A new 10 1/2 inches Double
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THREW SULPHURIC ACID AT WOMAN, CHARGE

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"How about some of that Red Riding Hood stuff tonight, Grandma? I'm in the mood for soap opera!"

RIOTING TRIAL

Further Crown evidence was taken when the trial of Yam Po-Li, 29, cannery worker, facing a charge of rioting resumed before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes and a Special Jury in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

A Police witness, PC Ko Choi, testified that he identified the accused as an identification parade as a man he saw carrying a large Chinese Nationalist flag outside the Pao Hsing cotton mill on October 11 last. Mr M. Morley-John, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Insp. P. J. Clancy. The accused is defended by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Mr P. D. A. Remedios.

CARRIED FLAGS
Police Constable Ko Choi said that he accompanied his superior officer, Inspector Moss, to the Pao Hsing cotton mill on October 11. They travelled in a Police car.

On arrival, witness said he saw a number of people carrying Chinese Nationalist flags. Some carried wooden poles and some had stones in their hands. Others were burning vehicles. Witness said he told the people to go away, but they took no notice.

On October 22 at Chatham Road Camp he identified the accused as an identification parade as a man he saw carrying a big Chinese Nationalist flag outside the Pao Hsing cotton mill, and "walking to and fro."

CROSS-EXAMINATION
In cross-examination, witness told Mr D'Alton that at the time he identified the accused he had stated the reason why he recognised the accused. Showing the record in a Police identification book, witness agreed that the reason for

AT WOMAN, CHARGE

A 37-year-old woman was accused at the Criminal Sessions this morning of causing the permanent facial disfigurement of a female fellow-tenant by throwing sulphuric acid at her.

Wong Hing, described as unemployed, is being tried by a Jury of six men and one woman before Mr Justice T. J. Gould, Senior Puisne Judge.

She pleaded not guilty to unlawfully and maliciously throwing corrosive acid at Mok Ching, the complainant, on September 2, last year, "with intent to burn or to do her grievous bodily harm".

Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Inspector D. R. Harris. Mr Sneath told the Jury that the facts were very simple. The alleged offence, he said, took place at 253 Tai Nam Street, second floor, Kowloon. The accused, as well as the complainant and her husband and two children, had lived in the premises for some years. Over the last two or three years, there had been constant trouble between the two women.

On the night of September 2, Crown Counsel went on, the complainant was sitting on her bed, counting some \$10 bills. The accused appeared at the entrance to complainant's cubicle, holding an enamel mug.

Some words were spoken and the accused threw the contents of the mug at the face of the complainant. The sulphuric acid which was in the mug caused the complainant to be "terribly disfigured".

FOUND ON LEDGE
The accused turned and left. Later she was found on a ledge up on the roof. She was rescued by the Police and Fire Brigade, and was also found to be suffering from slight injuries caused by acid splashes.

Some of the acid had also splashed on the complainant's little daughter, Mr Sneath continued. The two women and the child were all taken to hospital. The complainant remained in hospital for some time.

Dr O. L. Thomas, medical officer at Kowloon Hospital on September 3, gave evidence that he found the complainant to be suffering from extensive full-thickness burns on the left side of the face and scalp.

There were also burns on the left upper arm, forearm and hand, the right leg and scattered areas of the trunk.

Dr Thomas said all the injuries necessitated skin grafting and would leave permanent disfiguring scars.

EYE-LID SCARRED
Witness said the patient was unable to close her left eye because of scarring on her eyelid. Inflammation had resulted from this inability to close the eyes.

The complainant, Dr Thomas said, was at present under the care of the ophthalmic surgeon. He did not think she wanted an operation, he said, but unless that eye was operated on and cured, she would not be able to close the eye again and would have to wear a patch over it always.

Witness stated that the injuries were consistent with having been

Airman And 2 Chinese Women Face Charges

Allan Henry Harding, 18, a Senior Aircraftman of the RAF and two women, Lee Wai-har, 22, of 182, Electric Road, third floor, and Cleely Ling, 19, of 5, Village Road, third floor, appeared before Mr W. F. Pickering at Central Court this morning on charges in connection with a traffic accident in Hap-messy Road last Saturday.

The Prosecuting Officer, Sub-Ins. J. G. Mansell, told the court that a man, aged 47, had been seriously injured in the accident and was now in hospital. He said that Police had not yet been able to get a statement from the injured man.

He asked for defendants to be remanded for seven days so that the Police could make further inquiries. He added that more serious charges may be preferred against the defendants. At the present the defendants were charged with driving without a valid licence and third party insurance, aiding and abetting, public mischief and permitting a vehicle to be used on the road not covered by insurance.

No pleas were taken. Defendants were remanded on \$100 bail each.

Consul-General To Give Lecture

Mr Torsten Brandel, Swedish Consul General, will give a lecture at the Alliance Française tomorrow. The subject will be: "A tour of Sweden" and colour slides will illustrate the speech. All persons interested in this beautiful Scandinavian country are cordially invited.

THE RALPH SHIELD



Nobody Knows Today Who Was The Donor

By ANDREW SLOAN

"Donated by a Chinese gentleman for competition in Ambulance work," is the inscription on one of the many trophies in the Kowloon Headquarters of the St John's Ambulance Brigade.

The trophy is the 41-year-old Ralph Shield. The name of the donor is not known. Like many other organisations, records of early history of the St John's Ambulance Brigade in Hongkong were destroyed during the Japanese occupation.

Little is known about the man after whom the shield was named. Mr E. R. Ralph, except that in about 1929 he was Inspector of English Schools and Director of the Technical Institute. As the records of the Education Department were also destroyed little else is known.

In 1910, Mr E. R. Ralph was appointed first Assistant Commissioner of the St John's Ambulance Brigade and in the same year the shield was donated and named after him.

FIRST COMPETITORS
The first competitors for it was held in 1910 and it was won by the "Police Reserve Ambulance Division". Both Kings and Queens College had teams entered for the competition as did both the HKYMCA and the Chinese YMCA.

The shield consists of a large centre-piece of beaten silver—not locally made—and it is surrounded by 26 smaller shields. On a large figure of St John—patron saint of the Brigade—and above it, to the left and right, are figures of the gates to Bethlehem and a description of the early ambulance work of the Brigade.

HIDDEN AWAY

When the Japanese occupied Hongkong, the current holders, a team from the Confucian Division took the shield and hid it in the Confucian Association Headquarters in Hollywood Road where it was safely kept from the Japanese until the re-occupation.

In 1945 the shield was returned to the St John's Ambulance Headquarters by an Ambulance officer. The man who had previously hidden the shield had escaped to the mainland and had not returned to assume his duties as Divisional Superintendent of the Division.

After the war the Brigade was re-organised and it was decided in 1953 that the trophy would again be put up for competition but by this time the Brigade had grown much larger. It was decided therefore that the competition should be between teams from the Mainland and the Island.

The trophy is now competed for, for First Aid and has been won twice by both areas.

Radio Hongkong

5.30 p.m. Talking about Teaching. Listeners' Magazine. 5.45. Children Singing. Choirs of Bancroft's Boys' School and Loughton High School for Girls. 6. Time. 6.15. News. 6.20. Summary. 6.25. Highlights in Variety. 6.30. Classical Requests presented by Aileen Delany. 7. Cocktail Time. Claude Tvoire and the Radio Geneva Orchestra. 7.30. Talking about Books. Reviewed by A.T.R. Jackson. 7.45. "Quiet Listening." Hector Chauvin at the Hammond Organ. 7.50. Weather Report. 8. Time. 8.15. The News. 8.20. Commentary or Stop Press. 8.30. "Banjo on my Knee"—Old Time Musical Songs. 8.30. BBC Jazz Club. 8.45. Time Signal. 8.50. Movie Magazine. Edited and Produced by Timothy Birch. 9.30. Isolda Ahwee and David Blake (3 Plains). The Sunset Song. 10. Time Signal. 10.15. Point (Steel) (Trimbles). Parilla for 2 Pianos (Ferguson). 10.30. "Something to Remember." Popular Successes from Paris. 10.30. The Marlboro Masters. 10.50. Weather Report. 11. Time Signal. Radio Newsworld. 11.15. Goodnight Music. 11.30. Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

3 p.m. Musical Matinee. 3.30. Claude Thornhill and his Orchestra, featuring the Snowflakes. 4. The Story of Bottle Castle. 4.15. Tea for Two. 4.30. Strictly Intimate. 5. Children's Corner. Stories of the Kingdom—Final Episode. 5.30. Monday Requests. Presented by Betty. 5.35. Birthday Mailbag. 6. La Mueque Française. Presented by Jeannette Perry. 6.30. Time in Popular Music. 6.45. A Moment for Melody. 7. Personality Parade. 7.15. Concert Miniature. 7.30. Eddie Fisher with Axel Stordahl's Orchestra. 7.45. The Mystery of Nurse Lorimer. 8. Time Signal and the News. 8.15. Weather Report. Announcements and Interludes. 8.15. Show Case. Selections from "My Fair Lady" a musical adaptation of Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion". 9. A Life of Blues. 9.30. Monday Concert—Music of the Masters. 10. B.B.C. Jazz Club. 10.30. Time in Popular Music. 10.45. Dreamland. 11.30. Prelude to Midnight. 12. Midnight. "God Save the Queen". Close Down.

Changsha Has Engine Trouble

The ms Changsha (China Navigation Co. Ltd.) carrying 130 passengers, left Hongkong for Sydney last Friday, but the competition should be between teams from the Mainland and the Island.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER WILL THAT OPERA HOUSE EVER BE BUILT?

From H. KING WOOD

Sydney, (By Airmail).

There is a hard core of expert opinion that it will be a considerable time before any move is made to start building Sydney's £3-million Opera House—the £5,000 prize-winning design of Danish architect Joern Utzon.

The feeling is that the Opera House may be started in 10 years to a completely different plan and at a completely different site to the spot marked "X" on Sydney's foreshore.

The experts point out that no prize-winning design sponsored by either government or private enterprise has been built in Sydney for the last 20 years. In that time prize-winning plans of five of Australia's biggest architectural competitions have found a place in government pigeon holes.

● In 1937 a £500 first prize in an international competition was awarded to a firm of British architects for alterations to St. Andrew's Cathedral. The work has never been started.

● In 1938 three Sydney architects were awarded £700 in an Australian competition for the design of new Sydney Law Courts. Those plans went into a pigeonhole, but now the same architects have been asked to design new courts in a different location.

● In 1940 a competition was held for a new Legacy House but soaring costs were responsible for the people concerned shelving these plans.

MODIFIED DESIGN

● The same year the well-known architect, Walter Bunning, won £1,000 for his design for a new Anzac House. Rising costs were also responsible for these plans being put away and a modified version is to be officially opened by the State Governor on Anzac Day.

● The design for the huge, red granite monolith memorial to King George V, which won a first prize of £200 has never gone beyond the prize-winning plan stage but in this case the Government did nothing because it was embarrassed by the controversy which the plan caused.

Professor of Architecture at Sydney University, Professor H. Lighthill Ashurst, one of the four judges in the Opera House Competition said this week that on previous records architects had every reason to doubt that the Opera House would be built.

"But I feel this project will be harder to dump than others in the past because so many people are interested in it," he said.

What is annoying architects is that they feel the Opera House has become a political football and although many members of State Parliament are completely sold on the idea of its erection, they are being swayed by fear of unpopularity in electorates where the major problem is the shortage of houses.

It is expected that the State Government will shortly launch a public appeal for the project and a poor response to this would be sufficient excuse for the Opera House Plans being neatly tied with red tape and put away.

EASTER SHOW ENDS

Sydney's Royal Easter Show came to a close with the millionth visitor going through the turnstiles somewhere about lunch-time.

Attendance figures are well down on last year and judging by the number of letters appearing in Sydney newspapers the main cause for this is the high price now being charged to enter the showground itself and the fairly undisciplined fleeing which takes place once the visitor gets inside.

Certainly this year the Show has enjoyed possibly the best weather on record and though State population many thousands greater each succeeding year, it is strange that attendances are down to the tune of about 250,000.

One final Show highlight: In each of the last seven years, a visitor to the Show has given £1 to the attendant on one of the arena gates.

He does it because it was one of his wife's last requests before she died. For many years the couple never missed a Show, and the attendant on that particular gate—not always the same.

Strong Wind Signal

The strong wind signal (black ball) was hoisted at 7.30 this morning. It was lowered at 12 noon.

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